ISRAELIS HAVE MIXED FEELINGS OVER THE DISENGAGEMENT PACT WITH SYRIA

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Despite overwhelming odds, United States Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has done it again.

Four months after having achieved a workable separation of forces on the Sinai front, Kissinger has succeeded in hammering out a disengagement agreement between Israel and Syria on the battle-scarred Golan Heights.

Although the truce was ratified in the Knesset by a 76-36 vote, Israelis have displayed mixed feelings about Kissinger's latest diplomatic coup -- a feat President Sadat of Egypt has called a "miracle".

The Israelis are naturally pleased that the fierce fighting, which lasted 80 days and nights, is now at an end. And they are exceedingly glad there will be no more casualties. One hundred and thirty soldiers and civilians were killed and wounded during the course of this mini-war.

Yet the Israelis are apprehensive about the future because they simply do not trust the Syrians, their most implacable enemy. They fear that Kissinger (or "Killinger" as he is known in certain political circles) has sold their country down the river in a move to secure American oil supplies and political influence in the Middle East.

The Israelis, who are bitterly opposed to the terms of the pact, are the settlers who have established settlements on the Golan Heights since the Six Day War, and the kibbutzniks of the Hula Valley, who suffered from 19 years of constant Syrian bombardment until 1967. Both groups argue that the disengagement agreement is merely the first step in an inexorable string of events that will bring back the Syrian army to the slopes of the Golan overlooking the Sea of Galilee.

In the cities of Israel, right wing political personalities such as Ezer Weizmann, Arik Sharon and Menachem Begin, all of whom voted against the disengagement accord, complain it is a prelude to a wholesale Israeli withdrawal from the Arab occupied territories -- an unmitigated disaster that will expose the country to further attacks.

Fierce public and political opposition notwithstanding, the ruling Labor Party had little choice in the matter. The Americans, who wish to deepen their influence in the area, did not want to be tripped up because of tension on the Golan Heights. Kissinger, a masterful diplomatic chess player, has always felt that a failure to achieve a separation of forces on the heights would automatically endanger the moderate and increasingly pro-American Sadat regime and perhaps undermine the authority of King Hussein and King Feisal.

Understandably, the Israelis had little room in which to manoeuvre: since Jerusalem is so utterly dependent on American military supplies, economic aid and political support. It is easy enough to envisage the dire consequence of an American decision to curtail economic and military assistance to Israel.

Golda Meir, the fourth prime minister, who has been succeeded by Yitzhak Rabin, was not oblivious to the harsh realities of power-politics when she agreed to Kissinger's proposals. Unlike the myopic politicians in the Opposition, Mrs. Meir accepted the idea of compromise with Damascus as an inevitability and not as a wilful act of political heresy.

The new prime minister, the one time chief of staff and ambassador in Washington, will probably display the kind of flexibility and understanding which characterized Mrs. Meir's last days in office.

With the official disengagement ceremony having been completed in Geneva last Friday, the delegates to the peace conference will probably get down to hard work some time in July. It remains to be seen how Israel's search for secure borders will be reconciled with Syria's demand for a total Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories seized in the Six Day War.

Despite confusion and misgivings in Jerusalem and Damascus, the significance of the disengagement pact should not be overlooked. Thanks to American, Soviet and Egyptian pressure, the Syrians have agreed to talk to the Israelis for the first time since the 1948 war. This is no mean achievement. The Syrians, who are the standard bearers of Arab nationalism and anti-Zionism, have implicitly recognized Israel's existence by agreeing to participate at the Geneva peace conference.

Moreover, Damascus' decision to send a delegation to Geneva will undoubtedly have the effect of further moderating opinion in Cairo and Amman and of preparing the groundwork for a general settlement.

As Kissinger put it, the disengagement agreement may become "a turning point in the history of the Middle East."

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Familiar faces are missing as Rabin obtains Knesset approval of his government

In addition to Mrs. Meir, four other long-serving Israeli ministers left government service. Saul Mann looks at their possible fortunes.

LONDON (JCNS) -

Moshe Dayan's political eclipse, even if only temporary, has been a foregone conclusion since almost the first day of the Yom Kippur War. A failed defence minister -- and this has how he has been viewed through many Israeli eyes -- is a liability for any administration, especially one which has to carry the public through still uncharted but undoubtedly treacherous seas.

Nor is Pinhas Sapir's retirement any surprise to his intimates, although his departure will rob the new government of one of its most charismatic characters whose adeptness in balancing Israel's financial accounts has been matched only by his adroitness in manoeuvring the pawns of political power across the chessboard of Labor Party politics.

Sapir's health has not been of the best in recent years and the death of his wife was a cruel blow which seemed to his associates to sap much of his drive and energy. He is expected, however, to continue to stalk the political scene in the powerful position of head of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization.

Abba Eban's retirement from the foreign ministry will be more keenly felt by Jews abroad than Israelis. To the Jews of the Diaspora, particularly American Jewry (where he served for long periods as ambassador to Washington and head of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations and who have had him as a frequent visitor in their midst), he was Israel's spokesman extraordinary.

His rotund oratory and keen debating skills were sources of delight and pride and an Eban television appearance in the USA rated with American Jews as an event scarcely less than a presidential address. But it was this gift for rhetoric which, paradoxically, served to create a barrier between him and the great mass of Israelis who neither speak their own language well nor appreciate elegance in the speech of others.

Also, the tradition of recent Israeli prime ministers of dealing directly with the president of the United States has cut much ground from beneath the feet of the Israeli diplomatic service and particularly the foreign minister who has been left to contend with the less rewarding aspects of overseas policy. That much of this has been a disaster (Africa, the United Nations, Europe during the oil crisis) has often unfairly been laid at the door of the foreign ministry.

But it is unlikely that Eban's many talents will remain unused for long and he himself will probably welcome the opportunity to catch up with writing commitments which have already made his books good sellers in many countries and with Jewish visitors to Israel.

Haim Gvati's departure from the agriculture ministry was only a matter of time. He was a staunch Labor Party man who served Mrs. Meir well but without making any considerable impact on the wider public.

It is not yet at all clear what distinct political stamp the new government led by Rabin would carry, but the Premier himself is more than aware that his first task will be to strike the right kind of pragmatic and at once imaginative stance to restore the nation's confidence in its political leadership.

The immediate question begging however, is that how long will this second government since the October War be able to remain in office without seeking a renewed mandate from the electors, resting as it does on the slenderest of majorities in the Knesset.

The three groups which compose the new government command 61 of the 120 Knesset votes and could count on five more from left-wing groups.

Once over that hurdle, Rabin's real problems begin. First would be to gain strength over the broad public inclination towards a national emergency government, enthusiastically advocated by all right-wing elements.

Despite allegations by right-wing forces that the departure of Dayan and Mrs. Meir will inevitably make the new government lurch for more doveish political stance in foreign affairs, this has yet to be tested. But Rabin's newcomers -- both those who had joined Mrs. Meir's last government and the completely new ones -- are basically moderates in foreign policy terms. Of the five new ministers, only Yaacobi is a known hardliner, while Ofer, Mrs. Aloni and Yadlin are committed moderates.

Three cabinet ministers lounge around waiting to be introduced to the Labor Party leadership by Israel Premier Yitzhak Rabin. They are (from left) Gad Yaacobi, the new transport minister, Shlomo Hillel, who retains his post as police minister and Shimon Peres, promoted to defence minister.

Assembly faces many problems affecting Jewry

TORONTO -

The subjects of the primacy of Congress in Canadian Jewish life, public relations and Israel, Soviet Jewry, and education are expected to be the dominant topics at the 17th Plenary Assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress, June 15-18.

The plenary officially opens on Saturday at 10 p.m. at the Royal York Ballroom with a premiere performance of a work by Morris Surdin, commissioned by the Canadian Jewish Congress. The composition for string orchestra is entitled **Bereshith (In the Beginning)**.

Breakfast meetings and workshops begin at 8 a.m. Sunday and will cover topics ranging from the Holocaust, United Jewish Relief Agencies, Yiddish, and Religious Affairs, to the Future of the Jewish Community in a Pluralistic Society.

In the afternoon, there will be a panel discussion entitled **Priorities for the Canadian Jewish Community** moderated by journalist Barbara Frum.

Sunday evening's highlight is a banquet in tribute to retiring CJC Executive Vice-President Saul Hayes, at which time the guest speaker will be Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

On Monday, a lively discussion is expected when a top-flight panel takes part in **Public Relations and Israel -- A Growing Concern.** Retiring Congress Treasurer Perry Meyer is chairman, Aaron Pollack is moderator and Meyer Bick, Harold Buchwald, Prof. Irwin Cotler and Rabbi Gunther Plaut are panelists.

In the afternoon, there will be four workshops centering on Jewish education.

Following luncheon, Dr. Nadav Safran, professor of politics and government at Harvard University, will discuss the Middle East. Born in Cairo, Dr. Safran has been a consultant to Dr. Henry Kissinger on Middle East affairs.

Beginning at 8:30 p.m., Monday, the topic to be covered will be **Soviet Jewry and World Jewry.** Speakers include Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president, American Jewish Congress; Itzhak Rager, special advisor to the Israeli Mission to the United Nations and Israel Consul in New York; Alan Rose, associate executive director, Canadian Jewish Congress; Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, director of Anti-Defamation League's Department of Latin American Affairs; and Dr. Stephen Roth, director of European Section, World Jewish Congress.

Tuesday workshops begin at 8 a.m. and will cover archives and research and Jews in Quebec, concluding before lunch at which time retiring CJC "financial watchdog" Sigmund Unterberg will be honored. The plenary will conclude with the installation of new officers and an address by the incoming president.

Joseph Kronick is chairman of arrangements for the plenary.

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$25,000 RICHER

Ronni Litz, 12-year-old winner of the $25,000 first prize in the Baycrest Lottery, receives hug from Harry Ungerman, who sold the winning ticket. Ronni was awakened by her mother, Mrs. Sam Litz, at 11:30 p.m. when she received the news. (Groskind photo)

Second 747 considered by El Al

JERUSALEM (JCNS) -

Israel's national airline, El Al, may buy another Boeing 747 jumbo jet. The aircraft would be used for carrying passengers and freight.

El Al purchased its last Boeing 747 in 1972 at a cost of $28 million. The price for the same model now is $35 million.

The company wishes to use the new aircraft to carry passengers during the summer while in winter it would be converted into a cargo carrier.

Congress explains tour on Saturday

TORONTO -

The following statement has been issued by The Canadian Jewish Congress:

"There has been some comment deploring the fact that the walking tour planned by The Canadian Jewish Congress Archives Committee for June 15 and 16 will take place Saturday afternoon as well as all day Sunday.

We want to emphasize that the Saturday program is designed for delegates to the plenary assembly who will be at a nearby hotel, for Jews who live in the neighborhood and for the non-Jewish community.

Every effort has been made to ensure there will be no violation of Shabbat in connection with the Saturday tours."

Expect big welcome for ex-minister Dayan

TORONTO -

Gen. Moshe Dayan will be accorded a rousing community welcome here, June 11, with a large committee of top community leaders taking part in the planning and arrangements for the 1974 National Freedom Guardian Dinner for State of Israel Bonds.

Toronto is one of only three cities in North America where Dayan will make a major address, and report on the dramatic new developments in the Middle East resulting from the agreements signed last week in Geneva.

Morris B. Kaufman, a veteran Bond leader and past general campaign chairman heads the Toronto arrangements committee which includes Jack Buchman, Alex Eisen, Harry Frank, Nathan Godfrey, David Goldberg, Nathan Hennick, Ben A. Himel, Dr. Henry S. Rosenberg, Somer Rumm, Lawrence Shankman, Ted Sherman, Jack Singer, Harry L. Solomon, Al Green, Sandor Hofstadter, David Buck, Jimmy Kay, Dr. Norman Shaul, Wayne Tanenbaum, Donald Lipman, Leo Perkell, Max Shecter, and Charles Tabachnik.

Important post for Barrie Rose

TORONTO -

Barrie Rose, 44, a veteran worker for the Toronto United Community Fund, has been elected chairman of the executive committee of the board of trustees of the United Way.

A business executive, Rose began canvassing for the United Appeal 17 years ago when he came to Toronto. The native of England has been very active in Jewish communal work.

As chairman of the executive committee, he is also first vice-president of the United Community Fund. His term is for one year.

Rose is a past president of the Jewish Vocational Service and a former vice-president of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Metropolitan Toronto. He is an executive member of the board of Mount Sinai Hospital and Jewish Family and Child Service.

He has also been very actively involved in the Coordinated Services to the Jewish Elderly and the Meals-on-Wheels program.

Mother of three tops her class

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON -

Freda Frankel insists there's nothing special about it. Scores of women graduate from university every day and it's really quite commonplace nowadays.

The pride in her accomplishment, however, is evident in the smile and the shining eyes.

Last week Mrs. Frankel graduated from McMaster University with an honors BA in history, first in her class. And cheered by her husband, Dr. Saul J. Frankel, of McMaster, and their three children, Deborah, 28, Daniel, 24 and Naomi, 22.

Freda Frankel

Maybe it is commonplace, but just how many women go to university for the first time at an age when many would prefer to slow down and take things easy?

When she decided to go to school, Mrs. Frankel was a newcomer to Hamilton and her children were grown up. If she had to reorganize her life anyway, why not do something totally different?

After leaving high school towards the end of the depression, she went to business college and then to work as a secretary. After her marriage and while her children were growing up, Mrs. Frankel became involved with community work and for a time was executive-director of the Labor Zionist Organization in Montreal.

Both native Montrealers, the couple came to Hamilton five years ago on Dr. Frankel's appointment as dean of the faculty of social sciences at McMaster. Before that, he had been at McGill University.

If the thought of living in Hamilton appalled her friends, Mrs. Frankel welcomed it. Because McMaster is a smaller university with a warmer and more intimate atmosphere, and in a smaller city, she thoroughly enjoyed going to school here. There also wasn't the same generation gap as at a big urban university. "I was not interested in segregation. I enjoyed the kids and preferred not to associate with people my age."

It was fun but no, it wasn't easy. At least not at the beginning. "The hardest thing," she recalls, "is to re-train the mind. Trying to take machinery that hasn't been used for a long time, to re-oil it and make it work again. But it does come back."

In her second year, things began to fall into place; the memory that hadn't been as good was getting better. In her third year, she made the dean's list and the next she topped the class!

Mrs. Frankel describes the last few years as "a juggling act," trying to study while fulfilling her domestic duties and commitments as the wife of a very busy faculty dean.

She has no plans for a job. After a relaxing summer at their Kawartha cottage, the Frankels are off to Geneva, Switzerland, for a year. Dr. Frankel is the recipient of a Canada Council grant and intends to spend a sabbatical studying the effects of industrial disputes on the lives of the community. Mrs. Frankel will prepare for her MA degree with research into the beginnings of the Jewish community in Geneva and their struggle for emancipation.

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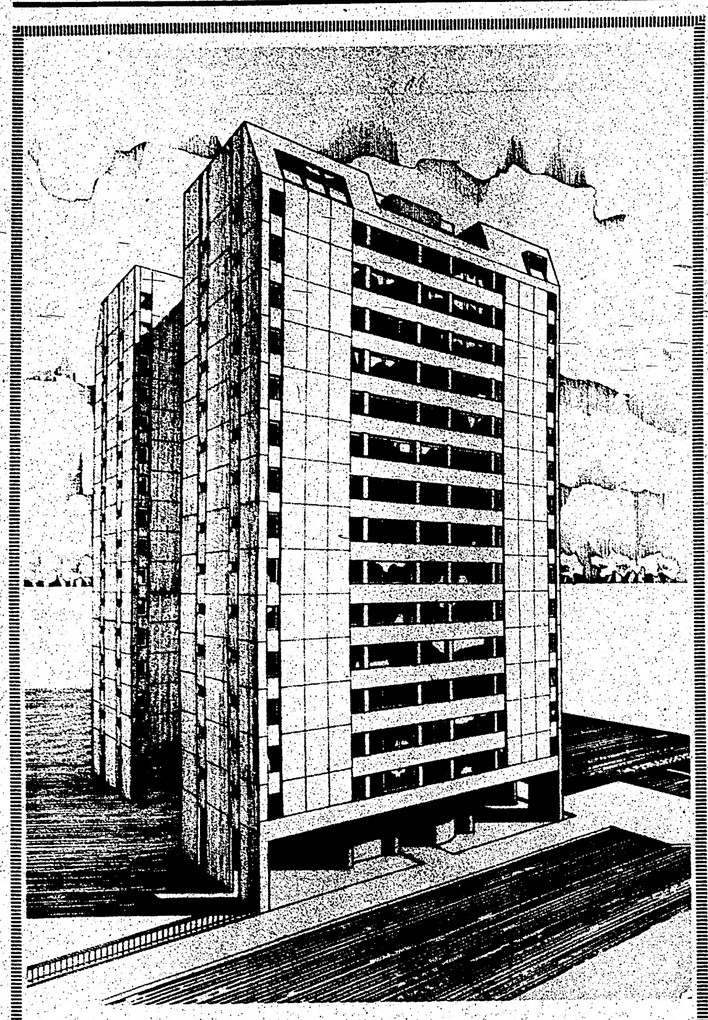

This is an architect's drawing of one of Israel's newest condominium apartment developments, Afeka, which will be built near the Tel Aviv University. Consisting of 180 apartments in three 14-storey buildings, the project is designed for sale to families living abroad who wish permanent residences in Israel. Condominium prices range from $90,000 to $105,000. Abba Elchanani is the development's architect.

Call to disrupt Bolshoi Ballet

LONDON (JCNS) -

The season of the Bolshoi Ballet -- opening here on June 12 -- could be disrupted as Frank Chappel, the general-secretary of the Electricians Union has urged his members to switch off the lights during performances.

"I think it is high time that some serious protest was made in Britain about political conditions in Russia. If I were an electrician in a theatre where the Bolshoi was playing I would pull the breakers," Chappel said.

Michael Foot, the Secretary of State for Employment, has rejected the advice of Equity, the actors' union to refuse work permits for the Bolshoi company. In his reply to the union, Foot stated that it should not be assumed that such a permit implied approval of the policies of the country from which the company came.

Equity has now appealed to the prime minister to reconsider whether the Bolshoi company should be allowed to visit Britain. "The government has exerted pressure in regard to South African and apartheid and we feel this is a parallel case," Peter Plouviez, general-secretary of Equity said.

Twenty-six MPs have already signed a House of Commons motion, submitted by Michael Fidler, MP, supporting Equity's call that the Bolshoi Ballet should not be allowed to perform in Britain until Valery and Galina Panov are permitted to leave.

It was reported Valery Panov was admitted to a Minsk hospital last weekend suffering from food poisoning which temporarily blinded him. Cause of the poisoning was unknown.

In letters to Foot, Hugh Jenkins, the minister responsible for the arts and to Lord Harewood, chairman of the Saddler's Wells Theatre Trust, in whose theatre the company will perform, the Board of Deputies this week said that it was inappropriate to allow the Bolshoi visit while Jews were being imprisoned and harassed in the Soviet Union.

Doctors crack down on TB

By ROYSTON ALLEN
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV -

A rise in the number of tuberculosis cases in Israel brought Tel Aviv doctors to an emergency meeting of their union, Histadrut ha Roffim where they formulated demands to the ministry of health for stricter controls over restaurants and food factories in Tel Aviv.

Dr. Raphael Kshipov, stated that Israel's first 25-years saw the virtual disappearance of TB in the country, but this year, there are over 3,000 known cases and probably many more undetected.

He attributed the growing incidence of TB to the health ministry's laxity in enforcing existing health regulations. Arab workers from the territories, who come into Israel and are hired as cheap labor by owners of food factories and restaurants, get away without being asked for the usual health permits.

And licences for restaurants and food factories are now being renewed annually without an inspection of premises and workers by the health ministry. The in-person health-checks were replaced by renewal through the mail when Tel Aviv City Hall became computerized.

Kshipov said another contributing factor has been the entry of Russian immigrants who come without complete health profiles. Though the olim are given chest x-rays when they are in Vienna transit camps, it is not until after they are admitted to Israel, that their TB test results arrive.

The Jewish Agency reported that suspicious cases are passed over to the health ministry when they arrive at the airport. But they would not state whether any Soviet immigrants have been refused entry, or what procedure they followed if quarantine was necessary.

Return law evokes threat

JERUSALEM (JCNS) -

Conservative and Reform Jewish organizations in the United States have threatened they may cut off financial aid to Israel if changes are made in the Law of Return.

The leader of the Civil Rights movement, Mrs. Shulamit Aloni, has released the following text of the cable sent by six organizations:

"We are greatly distressed by reports that new compromises regarding the Law of Return are being considered. The issue of conversion should be discussed by the respective movements in Jewish religious life. To use a religious issue as a bargaining counter in the state's political process fractures Jewish unity and diminishes the integrity of both Judaism and the Jewish state . . ."

U.S. court rules kashruth humane

NEW YORK (JTA) -

Leading national Jewish organizations have hailed the unanimous decision by a three-judge federal court upholding the constitutionality of kosher slaughtering as "a signal of victory for religious freedom" and "an important victory for the Jewish community."

This was the verdict of the Joint Advisory Committee of the Synagogue Council of America and the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, and the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA), both of which participated in the case.

The suit, known as Jones vs. Butz, was regarded as the first serious challenge to Humane Slaughter Acts since its enactment in 1958. The complaint attacked the law prohibiting government purchase of meat that was slaughtered "inhumanely" but which permitted the purchases of meat slaughtered by Jewish ritual procedure, including the hoisting and shackling of fully conscious animals prior to the actual slaughter.

The complainants, eight taxpayers, the Society for Animal Rights and the Committee for a Wall of Separation between Church and State in America charged that ritual slaughter was "inhumane".

In its ruling, the court accepted the arguments that the section of the law defining Jewish ritual slaughter as humane is based on uncontradicted scientific evidence; its inclusion did not constitute a law respecting an establishment of religion; the statute is, in all respects, within the competence of Congress in the exercise of its power to enact all measures necessary and proper to carry out the national policy of protecting religious freedom.

The court also held that "by making it possible for those who wish to eat ritually acceptable meat to slaughter the animal in accordance with the tenets of their faith, Congress neither established the tenets of that faith nor interfered with the exercise of any other." Leo Pfeffer, special counsel for the American Jewish Congress, served as attorney for the Joint Advisory Committee, COLPA was represented by Nathan Lewin, one of its vice-presidents, in its brief in behalf of three national Orthodox organizations.

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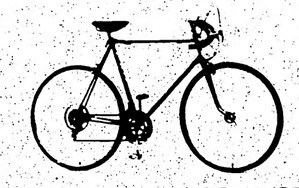
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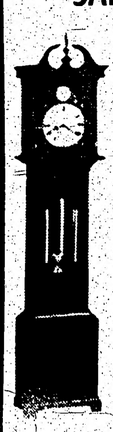
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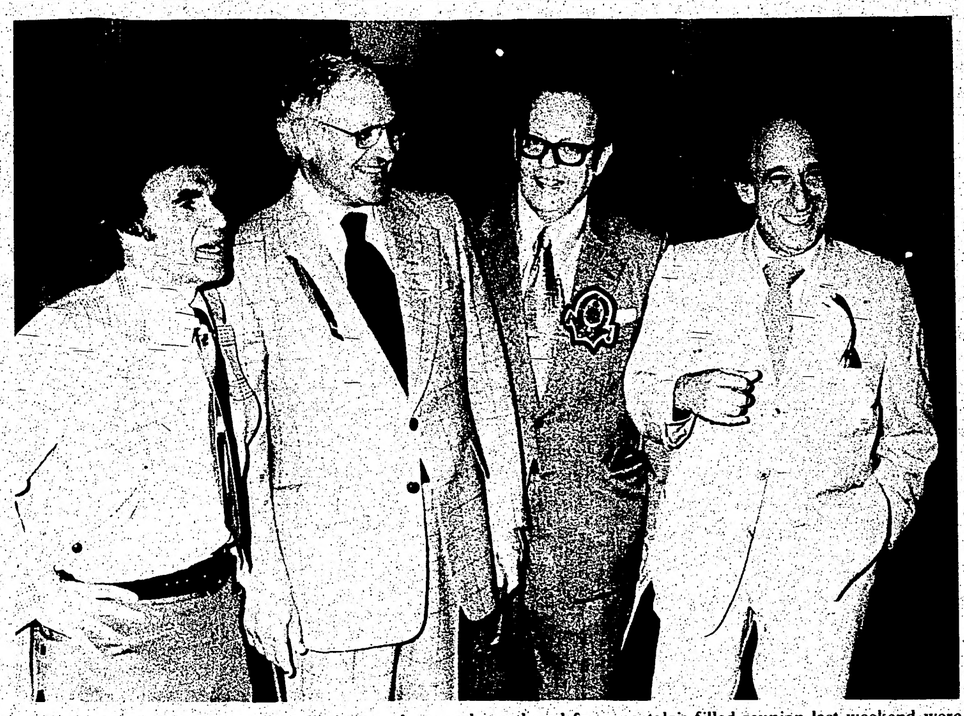

Among the hundreds of Harbord Collegiate graduates who gathered for a nostalgia-filled reunion last weekend were comedian Johnny Wayne, Louis Applebaum, director of the Ontario Arts Council, Ben Nobleman and Sam Sniderman. (David Groskind photo)

Grads jam beloved Harbord

By BEN NOBLEMAN
TORONTO –

I returned to Harbord Collegiate after 30 years absence last Saturday night, June 1, for the Harbord Homecoming, and a wave of nostalgia swept over me as I entered the school.

Can time really have slipped by so quickly? Where is that immortal time machine to take me back to my innocent youth, where there was no pressure of business, the rat race of politics and keeping up with inflation.

Those were the days when a nickel could still buy a chocolate bar or a bottle of pop at Freed's Drug Store, corner Harbord and Manning, where the students had a fast lunch at noon. Those were the days when you would meet the gang at Phil Goldman's Pharmacy at Harbord and Montrose, before going to Christie Pit's to play ball on Sunday. Phil, now president of Koffler Drug Stores, was a real friend and advisor to Harbord students.

The old school, built in 1892, is being torn down for a new, modern $4.5 million structure and the graduates and former students got together to reminisce about old times, meet former teachers and visit nostalgia rooms of every decade with pictures and articles about school activities.

Perhaps, though, the school or part of it may still be preserved as an historic site. A "Save Harbord Committee" has been formed by prominent lawyer Edwin Goodman.

There were a number of prominent graduates present: Johnny Wayne and Frank Shuster; Sam Sniderman; Lou Applebaum, director of the Ontario Arts Council and well-known composer; Dr. Burnett Thall, vice-president of the **Toronto Star**; CBC casting director Eva Langbord; Sam and Israel Shopsowitz; Jack Gwartz, president, Shoppers Drug Marts; Joe and Albert Cole, vice-presidents, Cole Book Stores; Rabbi Morris Kertzer, famous author, who graduated in 1927 and is a professor of philosophy at Mesa College, Arizona; and his brother-in-law, Dr. Allan Small; Lou Abrams, owner of Public Optical Co.; Mrs. Mildred Cevor, widow of Zionist leader John Devor, now living in Israel; Dr. Philip Klotz, head, division of urology, Mount Sinai Hospital.

Others were Prof. Avraham Avi-Hai (nee Syd Applebaum) who teaches Israeli history and politics at the University of Rochester; Rabbi Joseph Kelman; Dr. Sydney Gordon, chief of urology, Northwestern General Hospital; Mayor Philip White of the Borough of York; Alderman Esther Shiner of North York; developer Irving Waltman, who played on the 1945 championship junior basketball team; architect Irving Grossman; Dr. Mark Zimmerman; Dr. Percy Urback; Dr. Leo Shack; Dr. Jack Birnbaum; Dr. Harvey Shaul; Dr. Jerry Cohen and his wife Dr. May Cohen; Maxwell Goldhar, chairman of the board, Northwestern General Hospital and president, Revenue Properties, who was captain of the senior football team and won a Bronze H in 1936; Trustee Harvey Wengle; Dr. Stanley Freeman of Clarke Institute; Dr. Martin Wolfish, chief of adolescent medicine at The Hospital for Sick Children; Prof. Ben Bernholtz, professor of industrial engineering, U. of T.; Alan Borovoy, director of the Civil Liberties Association of Canada; Dr. Robert Disenhouse, chief of pediatrics at Bransom Hospital; former UJA chairman Noel Zeldin; Toronto Harbor Commissioner Murray Tate; Harry Gorman, president, Wycliffe Homes, and many, many others.

Ben Nobleman is a York borough alderman.

Synagogue honors cantor

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON –

Cantor Henry Zimmerman of Beth Jacob synagogue, was honored recently with a special Sabbath service dedicated to him in recognition of his 20 years service. The service was followed by a congregational kiddush sponsored by the synagogue.

Cantor Zimmerman came to Canada from Europe after the war, the last of the European cantors of the famous Ruvner Chor Shul where, before the war, all great cantors had come to pray. He was born in Lublin, Poland, and is the sole survivor of his family, "a refugee from the Holocaust, a brand plucked from the fire," as Rabbi Israel N. Siverman puts it.

The cantor was already famous for his voice as a youngster of seven, when people came from far and wide to hear the little boy sing at the synagogue. When he was 10, an impresario from Warsaw engaged him for a tour of Poland, billing him as "The Little Cantor." At 17 he moved to Warsaw to study opera.

In Lublin during the German occupation, he was asked to sing on Yom Kippur. Disregarding his family's warnings of danger, he went to the service accompanied by his anxious parents, brothers, sisters aunts and uncles. During the service two Nazi troopers entered the synagogue. For three hours they sat listening. After the service they congratulated the young cantor on his beautiful voice and left. No one in the synagogue was touched.

When the Russians entered Poland, Cantor Zimmerman was sent on a tour of the Soviet Union with a symphony orchestra and later gave many concerts in Europe.

Cantor Henry Zimmerman

Before coming to Hamilton, Cantor Zimmerman lived in Montreal, where he met and married his wife, Helen. They have two children, a son and a daughter.

A trip to Israel will be presented to the cantor by the board of governors of Beth Jacob in tribute to his devotion and service to the congregation.

'Workers are behind Israel'

MONTREAL –

Israel Hertz, Israel's Histadrut representative for international affairs, has told Montreal Histadrut members that the kind of optimism Israel needs is solid support from the world's workers.

At the annual Histadrut banquet held at Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, to cap the 7th annual Histadrut convention, Hertz said there is no cause for pessimism. Though the majority of world leaders are pro-Arab, hundreds of telegrams showing worker solidarity with the Jewish cause have arrived in Israel in recent months.

Hertz pointed directly to telegrams originating from Africa where, he said, "workers pay for their support with their freedom."

While in Canada, Hertz said he has gained confidence that Canadian workers are behind Israel. "The greeting I received in Montreal by trade unions and the expression of solidarity by Jews and Gentiles, in words and thoughts, brings honor to Canada and consolation to us.

"An eventual settlement in the Middle East," Hertz said, "must be a collaboration of working people of the entire area so Israel will become a land of millions."

He rejected the idea that attacks by the Israeli armed forces following the Maalot massacre were a retaliation against the Palestinian people. "It is the terrorists we're after," he said. "If they build their headquarters in refugee camps, that is their responsibility. The hits cannot always be accurate. We fight terrorists and terrorists alone."

The tragedies at Maalot and Kiryat Shemona were extensions of the long chain of suffering, massacre, and discrimination Jews have faced through time Hertz said, and Israel's great challenge is to break that chain.

Our peacekeeping role needs polish: Stanfield

TORONTO –

Canada will have to improve on her previous role as a peacekeeper in helping to achieve lasting peace in the Middle East, Conservative Leader Robert Stanfield told about 50 flag-waving, placard-toting Jewish supporters of all ages from York Centre riding last week.

He told the enthusiastic group working for P.C. candidate Barry Swadron that Canadians "can't sit back and simply say Israel is a long piece away from here . . . we are citizens of the world and have to live up to a fine tradition in Canada of accepting our responsibility."

In his brief address, he did not elaborate how a Conservative government would "improve" upon Canada's past record in the Middle East.

Stanfield said the major concern in the country today is for protection against the increased cost of living, and that Canadians should not use their "concern with what's going on in the rest of the world as an excuse to be apathetic or to ignore commitments within Canada."

But, he said, he could "not help but be concerned with the terrible events in the Middle East." He stressed Israel's need for safe and defined boundaries and for the Arab refugee problem to be dealt with in an effective way.

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Community Council called for

Need for CJC to assert its primacy reaffirmed by official of Congress

Toronto lawyer Donald Carr, a member of the national executive committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, uses blunt, no-beating-about-the-bush language to castigate the CJC, in an article appearing in the current issue of **Congress Bulletin**. He asserts that the national body has failed to "embark on relevant agenda in order to assert its primacy in Canadian Jewish life . . ."

His complaint is not new, nor is his voice a lone one. Three years ago, he wrote in the **Congress Bulletin** that the CJC must rise to the challenge of the times and no longer sidestep its responsibilities of providing vigorous leadership in areas recognized as being within its spheres. Little or nothing was done, he claims.

With the triennial plenary session of Congress just a week away, Mr. Carr's views on the need of Congress asserting its primacy make interesting reading. There is substantial support for his argument that Congress must assert its leadership in Canadian Jewish life.

Mr. Carr wrote in part: "Virtually everything which I thought valid at that time (1970) remains valid -- and, sadly, remains undone . . . Primacy will never be a reality unless and until Congress takes the lead in such areas as formal and informal Jewish education, social planning, leadership development and even fund-raising, that activity without which everything founders. These activities have to be carried out not only in the smaller communities, but also in the major cities such as Toronto and Montreal."

The article continues: "Because Congress has not taken up the reins, it has had to step aside and abdicate responsibilities which once were considered by all to be within its sphere. At best, it operates in clumsy 'joint committees' and at worst it permits others to launch programs which, in the context of the overall priorities of the Jewish community, are low down on the scale or, on the other hand, require greater attention and stronger support that can be mustered by an independent grouping.

"A review of the resolutions passed at the 1972 Plenary Assembly demonstrates clearer than anything else the impossibility of the present situation. Twenty-nine resolutions were passed. Twelve of these called for specific Congress action. Of the 12, all but two were beyond the ability of Congress to implement!

"The plain truth is that Congress does not have the machinery to get down into the community and give effect to what its constituents demand solemnly and repeatedly in plenary sessions."

Mr. Carr then gets down to discussing an issue that has sparked widespread debate and controvery: a Jewish Community Council which he says "would be an integral part of Congress, broadly representative of the entire community and with representations from all of the organizations which now participate in Congress plenary sessions." It would be, he says, the parliament of the local community.

After outlining what he feels are the many advantages of a community council structure, Mr. Carr declares, without any mincing of words: "The present devisiveness, inefficiency and waste of finances and manpower which exist in the relationship between the local communal organizations and Congress in the large cities would disappear."

The national executive member notes that Winnipeg did not shrink from creating a Jewish Community Council as a part of Congress, "utilizing substantially the blueprint which had been prepared for the Toronto situation."

It is Mr. Carr's belief that Toronto and Montreal will follow Winnipeg's example sooner or later; the sooner the better for the sake of the communities across Canada.

Whether Mr. Carr is a true prophet depends to a very large extent on what happens at the forthcoming plenary session. It promises to be anything but bland.

Guest Editorial

Pressure urged put on Ontario to gain fair play with education

By CHARLES ANTHONY

The news columns of **The Canadian Jewish News** for several weeks have given prominence to the problems of Jewish education in Quebec, where for some years, the government has been subsidizing the secular education given in our Jewish day schools. Controversy has now erupted as concerned parents feel the Canadian Jewish Congress is not doing enough to ensure continuation of such subsidies in view of changes in the Quebec educational structure which seek to promote French as the language of instruction.

For us in Ontario, it is most noteworthy that for several years the so-called separatist or "problem" province of Quebec has been subsidizing the Jewish day schools, while rich Ontario cannot "afford" to do so. It is also noteworthy that apart from the news reports, there has to date been no comment on this fact.

Some years ago, strong efforts were made by many of the leaders in the field of Jewish education, with the support of parents, to try to persuade Queen's Park to pay for the secular portion of education in our day schools but without result. We failed, and no further effort was made.

In fact, we Jews suffer discrimination here. Roman Catholics are entitled to have their capital and operating costs of education paid for from municipal and provincial taxes; we Jews may do so only if our children go to the public schools. By setting up our own separate system, we lose out. It is understandable that Ontario does not want to subsidize private schools run for profit or prestige but with a parallel system run by our Jewish Board of Education which provides secular schooling supervised by the Ontario Board of Education at the same time as we provide religious education, it is blatantly unfair that the entire capital and operating costs must be borne by parents and outside contributors.

With two children attending a day high school, it costs a parent $2,500 unless such a parent is unable to make such a financial sacrifice and needs a subsidy from communal funds collected by us in our annual UJA campaign. Not many can afford this and in fact, it is getting more and more difficult to collect from the community to cover the continuously rising cost of education. Then of course, some parents have three or four children attending school and find it impossible to pay the total cost.

Statistics have shown there is a benefit to the total community in giving children a religious as well as secular education. Catholics have found this so, or they would not be so insistent on having their own separate schools. Children going through such schools get an education including religious instruction which seeks to instil into children a moral upbringing and respect for certain values. It is important for Jews that we give our children an education that teaches them what it means to be a Jew. How can we grow up as Jews if we do not learn what Judaism is all about?

The only fair thing in Ontario is for the cost of education to be set as a certain figure for public school and high school and each child be allowed to attend such school as is approved by the Ontario Board of Education and such school to be given that proper grant for each child attending. Then schools will have to compete for their children and if concerned parents wish to set up a school, they will know what funds, responsibilities they will have to assume and budgets to expect. It will end disputes about teachers' salaries or extra grants and get the government off the hook, too. All schools will be equal and there will be no discrimination.

It is time we had fair play from Ontario in this matter and it is only possible if the press reflects opinion of parents and all of us concerned with Jewish education constantly urge for justice from our provincial representatives. Obviously, they will not seek us out to give us funds to which we are morally entitled; it, therefore, behooves us to put the matter to our members of the legislature and press for justice until we get it. If Congress in Quebec can press for it there, let it lead us to get it here.

Charles Anthony is a Toronto businessman with a continuing interest in Jewish education.

Mayor Pinchas Eilon cuts tape officially opening the new Toronto Pioneer Women Community Centre in Holon, Israel. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sharp (right) of Toronto dedicated the new child care, training and cultural centre to serve the immigrant quarter of Kiryat Sharett in Holon. The centre contains 70,000 square feet of building space including two day nursery classrooms. At left is Beba Idelson, general secretary of the Pioneer Women Moetzel Hapoalot. To her left is the wife of Mayor Eilon.

Sholom Aleichem's masterwork

Tevya belongs to his class

By ALBERT BAINERMAN

(Second of two parts)

Sholom Aleichem lived and created in a period when the Russian worker and masses -- and the Jews amongst them -- began to shake the foundations of Czarism. The glorious facts about the idealism and the martyrdom were recorded and Aleichem as a realist could not ignore this historic epoch. With his master brush, he immortalized the period and the personages in this period of Jewish history. The novel **Far'n Mabul, Fefferl** and others were the monuments to champions for a better future sculptured and hammered out by a genius.

When for the first time Tevya meets Pertchik the revolutionary and carries on a conversation with him, and Pertvhik explains to him the meaning of his fight against Czarism and Capitalism, although Tevya doesn't understand the theory of the class war and the entire revolutionary phraseology is alien to him, nonetheless he feels that this person and his thoughts are close to him. He belongs to his class. He is the son of a worker, a "papiros-snik", a man who peddles cigarettes. Later when Fefferl becomes his son-in-law and is banished to Siberia for revolutionary activity and his daughter, Hodel, follows him to Siberia, Tevya takes leave of his daughter and says to her: "You know your husband is a person who is not concerned about himself but for others. He is concerned about the good of the world, that is for the working man. So give him my regards. Tell him I am leaving myself to his sense of justice. He is a man of justice and he will not lead my daughter astray."

With his class instinct, Tevya feels the fight of his son-in-law is not a personal one but for all the poor and oppressed just as he, Tevya, for the same reason believes in him and does not have any doubt about his justice.

When later on, his second son-in-law Mottel Komzelka tells Tevya he wants to marry his daughter, Zeitl, he appears to be angry saying: "What do you mean you love her. Why would you hate her?" But in his heart, to himself, he says: "Mottel Komzelka is a tailor, a fine lad and an honest young man -- what more do I want?"

This is Tevya's attitude to his two sons-in-law. Both are his equal. Both belong to his class. And although both daughters lead a life of poverty and hard work, Tevya is satisfied.

Tevya never studied Marxism and the struggle between the antagonistic classes is something he does not quite comprehend in all details. But when he is in touch with the representatives of the other classes, he feels they are his enemies, that they are the enemies of the laboring man.

When Laizer Wolf, the well-fed butcher comes to Tevya to apply for his daughter's hand, he speaks in a language Tevya does not really understand. He refers to the girl whom he wants to marry as though she were a cow which he wants to buy because he knows he is wealthy and Tevya is poor. Tevya feels immediate distaste to his mode of thinking and he tells him off in his manner: "Feh, Lazer Wolf, I thought you were talking about my black and white cow and in the end you are talking about my daughter. After all, a child is not a piece of livestock!" says Tevya with some disgust and adds "such a nasty person."

Later on his daughter Shprintza, falls in love with Aarontchik, the son of the wealthy man who comes to the summer resort. Shprintza, with all the ardor of her young soul takes it seriously, but, for the wealthy young idler, it is merely an amusement. When Tevya meets the "nogid" and assumes he will be his "in-law" he hears these words from him: "Tevya, you must not forget who you are and who we are." If it's a matter of a few roubles, then fine. As compensation he would agree. But to marry with a person of another class is a different story. Tevya goes away a broken man, deeply wounded and humiliated. Out of humiliation and pain his daughter throws herself in the lake and loses her life.

Sholem Aleichem has here masterly described the class psychology of the wealthy, their attitude to the masses and their conviction that to their class belonged all the goodness of the world, that the poor man's lot is only as an object of serving and being served, a creature to exploit so that they, the wealthy, should be wealthier and live in greater ease.

Tevya breaks into tears and asks himself "why?" Why so much insult and so many tears? But the "why" can only be answered by his son-in-law, Fefferl, and in the end by his daughter, Beilka, who married the wealthy contractor. She lives like a stranger in her own palace. She cannot bear her husband or the people around him. She feels antipathy to their speech, to their customs. Poditzur proposes to his wife that she should give her father Tevya money to enable him to travel wherever he wishes as long as he kept away from them. First of all, he is not happy at having a pauper as a father-in-law and secondly as a general principle he has no great love for the poor. The place of the workers is to work and hunger and make him and his kind wealthier, nothing more. Tevya answers him in the following way: "I don't have anything against my son-in-law except that I wouldn't mind seeing him locked up."

Every writer through his heroes brings out positive or negative traits and his own opinion and attitudes, his sympathies or antipathies to certain phenomena. Aleichem, too, did this in his works showing his affection for the poorer class and the simple folk and his hatred for the exploiters and parasites. He puts into the mouths of his heroes what he himself would have said.

It's therefore interesting that when Chava, Tevya's fifth daughter, abandons her father's house to the priest and converts to Christianity, he goes through a terribly tragic period. He is bitterly wounded by his daughter's desertion and yet when Chava meets him and asks not to be rejected, Tevya resists his fatherly love to his child and rejects her, because as great as is his love and his pain, the national feeling overcomes it.

Tevya is a Jew; he is a continuation of hundreds of generations of Jews who remained true to their faith, their people and their history and he who breaks off the historic thread has also broken off with him no matter how painful and heart-breaking such a break should be.

Sholom Aleichem, the classical writer of our literature, was a great artist, a genius of a humorist, a great Jew and human being, and with his wonderful work he has added untold enrichment and creativity to Yiddish classical literature.

Mr. Bainerman is an executive member of the United Organizations for the Histadrut, the New Jewish Fraternal Organization, and the Canadian Jewish Congress Committee for Yiddish.

Residents call Maalot the step-child of Israel

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

REHOVOT –

Few Israelis had ever heard of Maalot, let alone visited it, before the recent terrorist attack on that small Galilee town. It was out of sight, out of mind and -- truth to be told -- outside the mainstream of Israeli life.

Maalot was one of the three dozen development towns established some 20 years ago in an attempt to disperse the country's population. Until that time, the opening up of Israel's outlying areas was left primarily to highly-motivated members of kibbutzim and moshavim. It soon became evident, however, that agricultural settlements in themselves were not enough; urban centres were also required in the sparsely settled countryside. And the only people available for populating these centres were the new immigrants then streaming into the country, primarily from North Africa.

Nobody asked them if they wanted to be pioneers; they were simply loaded on to buses at Haifa and taken to new homes in distant corners of the north and south.

Some development towns, particularly those in the Negev, did, in fact, develop. Prosperous Beersheba and Kiryat Gat, for example, are no longer regarded -- even by sophisticated residents of Tel Aviv -- as Middle Eastern Siberias. But most of the development towns never reached the crucial take-off point from which they could attract new people to reinforce the Moroccans and Tunisians who had settled there in the beginning. On the contrary, residents with any money, skill or initiative fled them as soon as they could.

Maalot is a case in point. As other Israelis discovered when it tragically burst into the news, Maalot doesn't even possess a high school or a police station of its own. It is, in the bitter words of its residents, "a step-child of Israel."

Today the government is anxious to drastically change the situation. Plans are now being formulated to pour millions into Kiryat Shemona, Maalot and other development towns, not only in order to provide them with more effective defence facilities; but to give them more housing, factories and schools. While all of these long-overdue measures are welcome, there is nevertheless some danger that the projected outpouring of resources, unless properly planned, will not succeed in substantially changing the character of the underdeveloped development towns.

What they require, more than anything else, is a new element in their populations. At present the intelligensia of most development towns -- the doctors, teachers, plant managers, and such live elsewhere and commute to work. If they actually reside in such places as Maalot, they do so only for a few years, just long enough to save up some money for an apartment near Haifa or Tel Aviv. Unless this situation changes, these towns will never become part of 20th century Israel.

The people of Maalot know this themselves, as was indicated by what one of them told a delegation from Jerusalem that came to express sympathy and solidarity after the massacre. "We don't want your sympathy," said the man from Maalot, "we want you."

ask the rabbi

No objection to transplants

1. What is the rabbinic view on the use of human tissue transplants from the dead to the living?

Although in recent years there has been a good deal of discussion in rabbinic responsa on this question, the basic principles are simple. There are three possible objections to transplants: (1) the person from whom the organ is taken might not be dead; (2) it is forbidden to mutilate a corpse; (3) it is forbidden to have any benefit from a corpse.

The first objection can easily be dealt with. Naturally, it must be determined that death has really taken place before the organ is removed. As for the other two objections, since prohibitions can be set aside in order to save life -- there is no reason whatever why these two prohibitions should not be set aside where life is at stake. Even in cases of corneal grafting, where blindness but not death is the issue, it could still be argued that in order to prevent such a severe calamity the prohibitions can be set aside.

Rabbi I.J. Unterman has also advanced the ingenious argument that the tissue grafted on to the eye of the living person becomes living tissue so that whatever benefit results it is not a case of having benefit from a corpse.

It should be noted that rabbinic authorities who discuss this question never advance, as an objection, the idea that it is forbidden to interfere with God's creation -- a motif that sometimes appears in discussion of the problem by theologians of other faiths.

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Artist shows brotherhood at its best

By ELLIE TESHER

TORONTO –

"I wanted to inform the Jewish community that they are not alone."

This was the simple out-reaching statement made by artist Zoltan Szabo to explain his donation of art for an auction on behalf of Israel. The event took place at the home of Charles Tobachnik, a close personal friend. The committee for the auction was headed by Murray Koffler, George Cohon and Al Latner.

His own talent and skill were not advertised in Szabo's effort to maintain a low-key profile and have the auction seen purely as a means of fund-raising.

"Over the past years I was working to establish myself as an artist, I became aware that a great proportion of the personal encouragement and support I was getting came from Jewish people," he said. "When I read of the tremendous economic and political pressure Israel was facing, I wanted to make some significant contribution to show my gratitude and empathy."

A sincerity of purpose was foremost in the man, acknowledged as one of Canada's finest masters of watercolor. His books on the use of the medium are evidence of his humble desire to share his own talents and insights with others.

Szabo is resident artist and faculty member of Sault College, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont. His works are in the collections of Pierre Elliott Trudeau, the (Coutts) Hallmark collection and private owners in London, New York, Sydney, Johannesburg, Tokyo, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver. He is represented in Canada by Gallery Elejana, Toronto and Beckett Gallery, Hamilton.

Zoltan Szabo

Szabo's gesture is seen as symbolic of the potential in our fellow man for feelings of pure brotherhood. Jewish communities should feel warmed by it and respond by fostering wherever possible, an atmosphere of open communication that accepts such genuine offers of goodwill and understanding.

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'Every Jew must look for his own special mitzvah'

sparks from the torah

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat B'haalotecho

Voetnoh et ha'Leviim . . . And I have given the Levites . . .

. . . . . .

There are no second class Jews . . . Who can measure how holy a Jew can be?

In Downtown Toronto, there is a Rabbi who lives almost alone in an old house on Darcy Street. His name is Reb Isaac'l. Whether you visit him four in the afternoon or two in the morning, you can find him huddled in his little Bais Medrash, a tallis over his head, **davening** or studying Kabbalah. All around lie musty **Chumashim** and Talmuds. Here and there in a dark corner candles burn . . . And he prays for the Redemption . . .

But every Jew can be a holy Reb Isaac'l . . . That's why we find an interesting thing. In this week's parsha, the Jews gave the Almighty an argument. Why? The Almighty chose the Levites to serve in the holy **Mishkan** (Sanctuary). They had the privilege of carrying the portable Tabernacle from place to place and helping the **Kohanim** in the service. When the Jews heard the special honors granted the Levites, they became upset . . . "What about us, are we less important?"

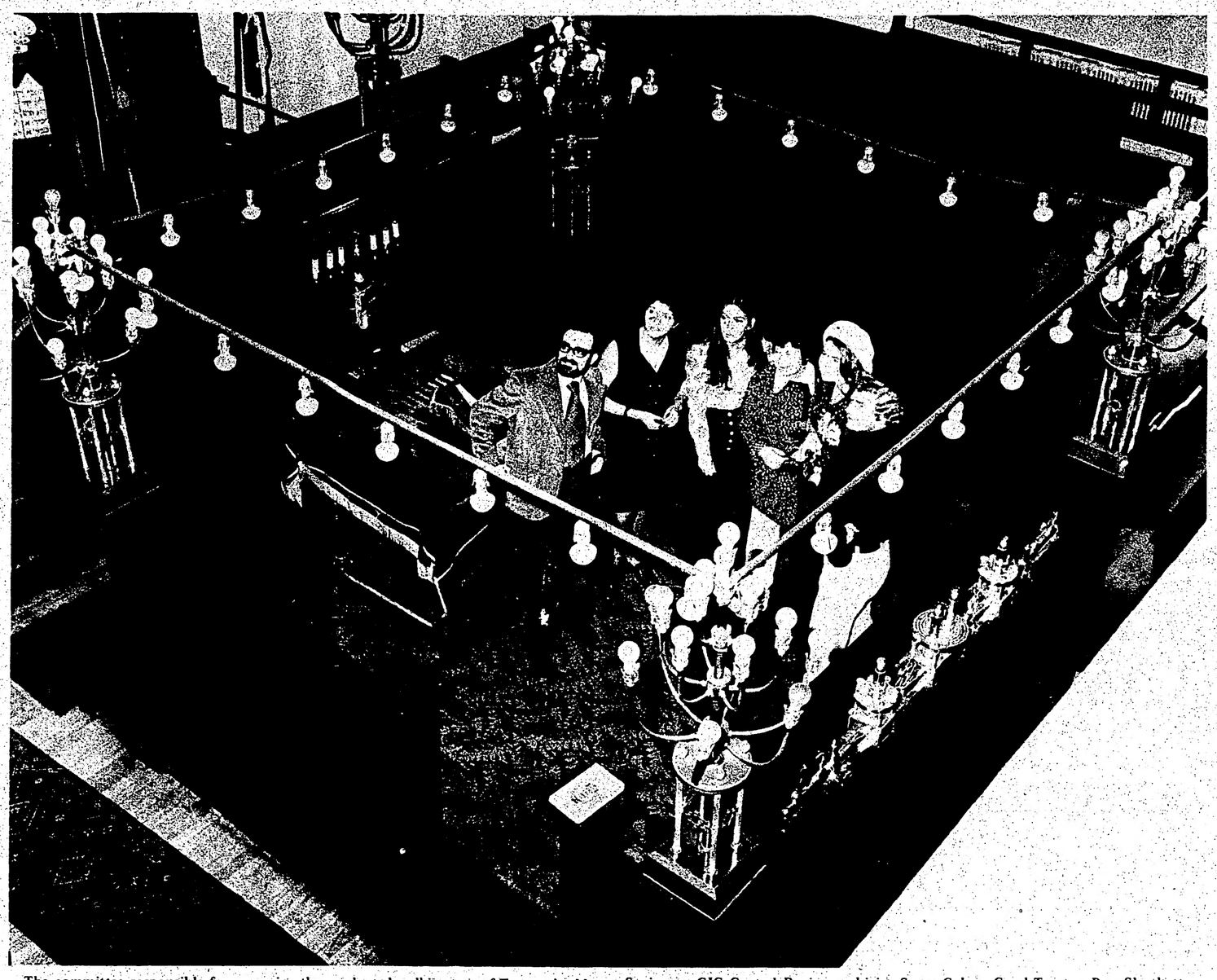
Therefore, the Almighty did a strange thing. When it came to assigning the Levites to their tasks, he put in a lot of extra words . . . "I have given the Levites to Aaron and his sons from among the **Children of Israel**, to do the service of the **Children of Israel** . . . to make atonement for the **Children of Israel**, that there be no plague among the **Children of Israel** . . . through the **Children of Israel** coming too close to the Sanctuary . . ." Imagine, no less than five times the Children of Israel are mentioned in one verse . . . Why so many times?

But the Almighty wanted to teach them . . . "There are five books in the Torah, and I have mentioned you five times in the verse. Would the Torah be complete if it had only the book of **Breshit** or **Vayikroh** or **Devorim** . . . The Torah is only complete if each book, sentence and word is there. The same way, the Levites would not be able to perform their service to G-d unless you perform your service to G-d. The Jewish People is not complete until every Jew reaches his fullest potential of holiness. (Chidushay Horim)

G-d gave us 613 Commandments, and every Jew should try to keep every **mitzvah**. But just as one person has a special talent for mathematics, another for music, another for painting or writing, so too, the Almighty has given each of us a unique **neshama** (soul) that has a special **tikun** -- a special purpose for which it was sent specifically to this world. Besides keeping all the mitzvahs as much as possible, a Jew should look for one or two special mitzvahs that are his own special thing. Reb Isacc'l's **mitzvah** is to pray day and night. But what is your special mitzvah . . . Tephillen? Not eating **trayfa** food? Visiting the sick, consoling the bereaved, cheering people up with a kind word? Raising thousands for charity? Bringing up children according to the Jewish way? Just as a person works hard to find his special way of making a living to survive, so also, every Jew must seek his special mitzvah to occupy himself with in this world.

They tell of a rich man, who decided one day to leave his huge factory in the hands of others and become a "**Tehillim Yid.**" The whole day he sat in the Synagogue and recited chapters from the Psalms. The Rabbi noticed him after a few days and said: "Let me ask you a question. Imagine if a General suddenly decided to leave his post and do the job of a private?" "That would be terrible," the wealthy man answered. "It would throw the whole army into disarray." The Rabbi continued . . . "The same is with being a Jew. There are plenty of 'privates' . . . poor Jews who have nothing to do. They can say the Tehillim. Your job is to go to your factory, make a lot of money so that you can give charity to support others . . ."

Shabbat Shalom.



The committee responsible for arranging the conducted walking tour of Toronto's old Jewish district during the Canadian Jewish Congress triennial session, look over the interior of the Kiever Shul, where the tour winds up. From left, they are Stephen Speisman, CJC Central Region archivist; Susan Cohen, Cyrel Troster, Bess Shockett, Susan Geller and Martin Mendelow. The walks, on Saturday, June 14, and Sunday, June 15, will leave every half-hour from the Minsker Shul on St. Andrew. (Congress photo)

Congress nostalgia walks

An historic jaunt through old haunts

By ESTHER MEHR

TORONTO -

The bewildering pace of change which has taken place in Western society since the end of the Second World War has been responsible to a great extent for the current nostalgia kick and a longing for the "good old days."

For the Jews of Toronto, those days of a closely-knit community dates back to the 20s and 30s when the core of this city's Jewish area was bounded by Dundas on the south, McCaul on the east, Bathurst on the west and College on the north. As with other ethnic groups who made it up the affluent ladder, they moved to other areas of the city, fanning out to the northern outskirts, which have since become pockets of Jewish communities, bringing with them synagogues, shopping facilities and recreation centres.

But for several decades, Spadina Avenue remained the focal point of Toronto's Jewry -- Kensington market, the Labor Lyceum, the garment district. **The Standard**, Toronto's foremost legitimate Yiddish theatre and many Jewish restaurants which flourished on the "avenue" in those days.

A special feature of the Canadian Jewish Congress 17th Plenary Assembly will be an historic walk through the old haunts, focussing on the few remaining landmarks of a not too distant past. The conducted tours will leave every half hour from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 15 and from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 16. Starting from the Minsker Shul on St. Andrew, walkers will wend their way to McCaul Street, come back on Cecil and wind up at the Kiever Shul on Bellevue.

The Saturday tour will be geared primarily to plenary delegates staying at the Royal York Hotel and to Toronto residents who live within walking distance of the area to be covered in the conducted historic walk.

An unique feature of the Shabbat afternoon at the Kiever will be selections from the teachings of the principal rabbis of the 1920s -- Gordon, Weinreb and Graubart. These will be given by Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, an active member of the archives committee. On Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. there will be a concert of Yiddish music at Bellevue Park.

A committee headed by Toronto architect Martin Mendelow, worked for months arranging all the details for the walk, interviewing old-time residents of the area and searching out old photographs for an exhibition at the Royal York Hotel for the plenary delegates. The committee also had a booklet printed for distribution. Completely involved in the undertaking with Mendelow, were Bess Shockett, Cyrel Troster, Susan Cohen and Susan Geller.

Of particular concern to the committee was the saving of the Kiever Shul, which Mendelow referred to as "a gem, which needs very little interior restoration." Built in 1923, the Kiever has a congregation of 125, but no rabbi. Any repairs which need to be done are in the area of safety -- such as fireproofing and new stairs leading to the basement.

The CJC archives and the committee would like the Kiever to continue to operate as a synagogue and as Martin Mendelow put it: "To become a living museum and teaching tool to engender a kind of enthusiasm in our children for Jewish roots in Toronto." A downtown community resource, with ongoing exhibits in the basement, is what is envisioned for the Kiever in the future.

"This community has lost so much of its history through apathy and neglect," Mendelow said. "We cannot afford to lose what little still remains to be saved."

Discontent at conference was nation-wide warning

By J.B. SALSBERG

(Fourth of a Series)

I have no desire to interfere in differences within the Montreal Jewish community leadership on how to solve problems of a local character. But the lid that blew off the steaming kettle of extreme public discontent, at the April 7th conference called by the Eastern Region of Canadian Jewish Congress, is not a "local matter." What happened there is a warning to other Jewish centres where the communal kettles are also simmering or have reached boiling point.

It is my strong belief that, once having become public, the manner in which the Montreal confrontation will be resolved will have an immediate and inescapable influence on communal developments in the Toronto area. It is, of course, obvious that what will happen in Montreal and Toronto will affect the organizational structure and the democratic character (or lack of it) of the entire Canadian Jewish community. The current dramatic confrontation becomes, therefore, the concern of every Canadian Jew.

The issue in Montreal is not one of jurisdiction -- between Canadian Jewish Congress and the Allied Jewish Community Services of Montreal (the equivalent of Toronto's United Jewish Welfare Fund) -- or one of economy or one of "mechanisms" in meeting the community's needs. What we are witnessing in Montreal, in my opinion, is a collision of two conflicting philosophies of the character and objectives of organized Jewry in Canada. All else that surfaced in that conflict is only a by-product.

A mini-backflash may help to illuminate the point.

Three or four years ago, the Toronto Jewish community was also rocked. An influential group around the Welfare Fund began to press hard for the setting up of a community council, which would incorporate (if not replace) Congress. Most in that group were unquestionably well-meaning people, but, in the opinion of others, they were dangerously wrong in their pursuance of a policy that would, in the long run, be harmful.

A goodly company of equally well-meaning men and women (affluent and non-affluent) brought the difference into the open and they soon found that the largest Jewish organization supported their view. They argued that Congress, with all its shortcomings and sins of ommission, is still the democratic voice of Canadian Jewry and must remain so. That community councils, especially in the main centres, will destroy Congress' priority, will inevitably swing communal authority to the fund-raising and funding branches of the councils and that the truncated, emanciated "Congress" would become a public relations branch for the funding people. In short, it was the view of the pro-Congress bloc that what was involved was really the democratic nature of our community structure.

On the eve of the last plenary session of Congress, three years ago, the pro-Congress front (actually the upholders of a democratic, people's authority), that extended from General Zionists, to Labor-Zionists, trade unions, societies and landsmanshaften, won a respite. The pro-council people in Toronto (mild lambs, when compared with Montreal's Allied tigers) eased their pressure and the matter now is "dormant" in Toronto, as Congress President Sol Kanee described it in an interview with this paper a week ago.

Now as for Montreal, the unified fund-raising instrument, the Allied, was curbed in its ambitions by the dominant authority of the late Samuel Bronfman, long term president of CJC and vice-president of World Jewish Congress. But Bronfman's passing from the scene, and the docile abdication of Congress' Eastern Region from many areas of activity, left few barriers on the road for the fund-raising instrument to become the dominant arbiter of Jewish priorities in Montreal.

In fact Allied began to determine Congress' budget. It developed into a situation in which the Ministry of Revenue became the dictator of Parliament . . . In the process, communal democracy and people's involvement reached an alarming low. The confrontation that broke into the open early in April brought these unhappy facts into the open. The Montreal developments prove how justified our fears were in Toronto three years ago.

(Dear Mr. Editor, I know we agreed on a four-part series but uncle Eliezer was at my elbow all the time and compelled me to touch on matters I had no intentions to deal with. So, Mr. Editor, will you agree to just one more (I swear) installment? To satisfy you I'm willing to call it a post-script to the series. OK? Oh, thank you, thank you very much. I'll do the same for you sometime.)

Mitchell Sharp gives citizen an accounting of Canada's actions regarding Syrian Jews

Jacques Rajchgod of Willowdale, on April 10, wrote a letter to External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp regarding Syrian Jewry. The minister replied to Mr. Rajchgod in a letter dated May 17. The Canadian Jewish News prints in full both letters.

Dear Mr. Sharp:

As a citizen of this land, I feel I have the right to know about the doings of my government.

The government of Canada has been repeatedly approached by many citizens, regarding the suffering and plight of Syrian Jews.

As a citizen of the most democratic of the countries of this plant, I would like to get a report from the government of Canada, accounting for all the actions (if there was such) taken in that direction.

I am aware that it is the people of Canada -- it's citizens -- that elect the government of this land. The governing authorities are, therefore, responsible and must answer to the people of Canada -- its citizens!

By virtue of the above mentioned powers, embodied in each citizen of this land, I ask the government of Canada to account for any action taken to alleviate the suffering of Syrian Jews and bring a stop to the "all hell broke loose" type of pogroms programed by the Syrian dictatorship.

My asking for an official report is based on the grounds that many citizens have approached our government and no official statement has ever been made.

In the case I am wrong, could I please receive a copy or proof of any action taken on behalf of the cause mentioned therein?

I am a democracy-and-justice-minded and oriented citizen, who has to accumulate facts and information prior to criticizing one's government . . .

Respectfully yours,
Jacques Rajchgod

Dear Mr. Rajchgod,

I refer to your letter of April 10, 1974 concerning Syrian Jews.

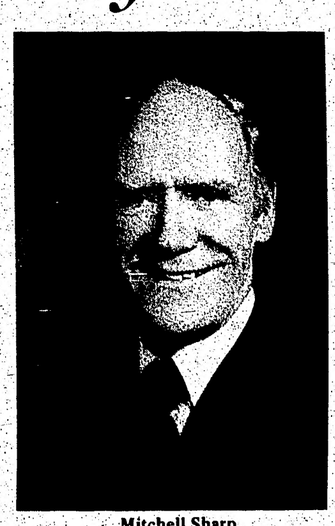
The situation of Jews in Arab countries is a matter which is closely followed by me personally and by officials of my department. We have made representations on humanitarian grounds on behalf of Syrian Jews wishing to emigrate to Canada to join their families, and the Syrian authorities have in principle indicated their willingness to co-operate in this regard.

It is important to bear in mind, however, that Jews in Syria are nationals of that country, and we must be careful that any representations made by the Canadian government are not interpreted as interference in a Syrian internal matter. Otherwise, our efforts might produce more harm than good, even to those we wish to help. As was the case with Iraqi Jews in 1969-70, we have found that quiet approaches through diplomatic channels present the most effective means to make known our concern to the Syrian authorities.

Because of our continuing concern in this matter, our ambassador in Beirut, who is also accredited to Syria, recently discussed the situation of Jews in Syria with a number of people who are well acquainted and are in close contact with the Syrian Jewish community. According to these sources, it would seem that there has been no deterioration in the community's situation generally either as a result of the war last October or for any other reason.

You may be aware of a recent case in which four young Jewish women were found murdered in Syria. Immediately upon receipt of the first reports of this news, my department sent a message to our embassy in Beirut requesting further information and an officer of the embassy took the matter up in Damascus. As well, a number of other diplomatic soundings are underway in effort to ascertain the facts.

The nature of the charges against the four persons, the locale and timing of the trial and the nature of the trial itself, are unclear at the moment. If, as has been reported, Amnesty International is seeking Syrian acceptance of foreign observers at the trial, we would urge the Syrian government to give a positive response. To date it appears no such representations have been made by Amnesty International.



Mitchell Sharp

In closing, I would like to assure you that the Canadian government will continue to pay close attention to the question of Syrian Jews. As you point out, in a democracy it is the right of a citizen to ask for an accounting from his government, and I thank you for your interest.

Yours sincerely,
Mitchell Sharp

Organizations and People

what's new...

By LEWIS LEVENDEL

PASSPORTS IN NORTH YORK

No longer is it necessary to make the trek downtown to the passport office. Canada's first branch passport office was opened recently by External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp in North York at 1155 Wilson Ave. W., just east of Keele. The branch office promises to provide a fast, efficient and personalized service to the public. Applications presented at the counter will normally be processed and the passport issued within 72 hours. A person who speaks English, as announced in the office.

SENIOR V.I.P. SERVICE

The Volunteer Centre of Metropolitan Toronto has set up a project to provide persons of 55 years of age and over Senior Volunteers in Public Service will give help such as driving the handicapped to various meeting with children in special treatment centres, visiting the homebound, working with the blind and serving as interpreters. Persons with skills in handicrafts and music are eagerly in demand but special skills are not necessary as most duties training will be given in the job. For information, call the centre at 961-8888.

FUND-RAISERS MEETING

About 300 fund-raisers from across Canada are expected to attend the United Israel Appeal of Canada annual meeting this weekend (June 6 and 7) at the Lagoon Hilton Hotel. The UIA is the fund-raising organization in Canada. Last year's target of $60 million in Canada was met, a new board of governors and a new executive will be chosen during the meeting. Eli Ze'evi, president Montreal Bank-Art and Israel Ambassador Theodor Meron will be among the speakers.

CENTRE OPEN HOUSE

The Creative Living Centre is observing its 10th anniversary. It will have an open house June 9 at 30 Lee Ave. to show off what has been accomplished during the past decade. The Jewish women centre is located at 4700 Bathurst.

AID FOR STRICKEN YOUTH

Students of Beth Tzedec Congregation's School are sponsoring a "Night of Music" during school Shabbat (7) which recently escaped from Syria. He has learned about disease. According to the Israel Council for Jews in Arab Lands the youth was told by Israeli doctors that he will die within 10 years. However, doctors there think cardiovascular surgery is more advanced in Toronto and that something may be done here to save his life. The Dr. Ronald Feld Foundation for Jews From Arab Lands of Beth Tzedec will pay for his hospitalization while the cystic parents will help pay his airfare. Tickets are available at the school office or call 787-0881. The event takes place June 14.

ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS, ELECTIONS

Election fever has hit the community with many organizations sending in results of recent votes. Following are some of the newly elected executives: **Shaarei Shomayim Congregation** — Jeffrey Cohen, president; Larry Levenstein and Henry Rakowski, vice-presidents; Dr. Andrew M. Eisen, secretary; and Henry Rakowski, treasurer. **Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue** — Marshall Arnack, president; Irving Borowitz and Al Bansfield, vice-presidents; Ralph Shoy, secretary; Harvey Lister, treasurer; Dr. Fred Wine, brotherhood president; and Mrs. William Lasser, sisterhood president. **Adath Israel Congregation** — David Freedman, president; Dr. Lou Goodman and Joseph Bass, vice-presidents; Mrs. Robert Kay, secretary; and Alvin Dickstein, treasurer. **Beth Sholom Synagogue** — Louis Burke, president; Norman Shapiro and Sam Lake, vice-presidents; and Morris Orbis, treasurer. **Beth Tikvah Synagogue** — Milton Rakovitz, president; Martin Thaler, Ronald Wentzman and Bob Karp, vice-presidents; Murray Arnold, secretary; and Irwin Barenboim, treasurer. **MACHAL Canadians who fought in Israel's War of Independence** — Sol Benner, Eliezer Kates, Harry Rosenberg, Harry Danch and Max Brown. **General Wingate Branch 256 of The Royal Canadian Legion** — J. Sarna, president; and S. Marmas and C. Strudas, vice-presidents. **Pride of Israel Sisterhood** — Deanna Litwak, president; and Charlotte Zeidan and Rita Englanman, vice-presidents.

DONOR DINNER

Theme of the annual Pioneer Women Donor Dinner was A Tribute to the People of Israel. Shmuel Dvrak, Israel consul, spoke at the function last week at Adath Israel Synagogue. Norma Barkin was the event convenor.

Seniors' conference to seek better future

TORONTO -

A pattern for future social action in behalf of the elderly will be determined at the third annual conference of the Association of Senior Citizens, according to Max Kalmin, the [illegible] chairman. The two-day session will take place at the North York Y.M.-Y.W.H.A. on June 11 and 12. Theme of the conference is Living today for a better tomorrow.

Inflation, the high cost of housing, the need for higher pensions and other financial and psychological problems of senior citizens will come in for discussion.

Kalmin, a senior citizens minute man [illegible] the association's social action committee, said he will follow in immediate [illegible] sessions made in the conference.

"We intend," he said, "to point our needs immediately to the various levels of government that the elderly have specific needs which must be met. We are the people who built this country and have a right to expect a decent life during our retirement years."

Max Kalmin

Speakers scheduled to participate in the conference include Maxwell Bloom, provincial secretary of social development; Reuben Baetz, provincial minister of community and social services; Bernard Snell, director of the Ontario Senior Citizens Bureau; Mary Walker, senior assistant to the provincial minister of housing; Controller Barbara Greene, chairman of Metropolitan Toronto Social Services; Fergus D. Mc Diamond, executive director of the Jewish Family & Child Services; and Dr. Joseph Kaplan, director of psychiatry, Baycrest Hospital.

There are 16 clubs in the Association of Senior Clubs, organized by Co-ordinated Services of the Jewish Family & Child Service, a division of the Combined Jewish Welfare Fund.

University makes 'perpetual student' honorary fellow at 'Friends' dinner

TORONTO -

Abe Silver, a perpetual student at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem since his retirement [illegible] years ago, was made an honorary fellow last week in a presentation by the president of the university, Avraham Harman.

About 250 people, many present at the annual dinner of the Friends of the Hebrew University held in Beth Tzedec Congregation, where Silver received the honor.

Silver told The Canadian Jewish News he is working on a book he plans to make a final contribution to the university before he retires. He said he has been working on it for the past 10 years.

Silver has contributed parts of his library to the National University Library in Jerusalem and the Gerrow University Library in the Institute of Asian Studies. He continues to build it up in the course of his morning strolls, with new donations.

Married, Silver has two adopted sons. He was a scholar, and is described as one of the most knowledgeable people in Canada about Israel.

Girls elected co-presidents at NCSY annual convention

voice of youth

By YAAKOV HONIG

For the weekend of May 31 - June 2, Northern Region of National Conference of Synagogue Youth held its annual convention in Toronto. The event was marked by the election of Cheryl Green and Eddie Newberger as co-presidents of the region, succeeding Ellen Rosenberg and Ephraim Silverman. Over the two days of delegates [illegible] workshops, plenary sessions and [illegible] events, [illegible] of this year's [illegible] and [illegible] of this past year's.

Rabbi Pinchas Allen, director of NCSY, Sunday morning's [illegible] delegates [illegible] some [illegible] several [illegible] Saturday night's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Go-ahead given university for Mt. Scopus campus

By RUTH KAHANE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO –
Israel has given the go-ahead to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for continued construction on its Mt. Scopus campus, though the country is struggling to rebuild itself to its pre-Yom Kippur War economic level, according to Abraham Harman. The university's president was addressing the annual dinner of the Toronto Chapter, Friends of the Hebrew University, at Beth Tzedec Congregation last week.

The encouragement to continue building is part of the general attitude pervading the country, Harman explained. People realize the only effective way to resist vulnerability is to constantly build and "project into the future." He said "building Scopus is not an obsession; it is a necessity."

Due to move to the Mt. Scopus campus at the beginning of the 1974-75 academic year are the schools of education and social work, followed by the faculties of social sciences and humanities.

The development of the university's other three campuses at Givat Ram, Ein Karem, and Rehovot, will continue only on buildings begun before the war.

New departments are being formed this year geared to help prepare Israel for "economic, if not political involvement" with other nations. These include a department of Japanese and Chinese Studies, European Common Market Studies, African Studies, and an Institute for International Relations.

Abraham Harman

"We may not have diplomatic relations with these countries, but the university community is international, and our scholars get visas to go there on conferences," Harman pointed out.

As well, a centre for the study of Palestinian Arabs has been established where Israeli students examine what has been written by these people in their language, about themselves and Israel in order to "try to understand their mentality and the direction of their thinking and actions . . . and make available the information to the Israeli government and Knesset."

Projects in the field of medicine are aimed at solving problems caused by war injuries. For example, this means setting up skin banks and retraining amputees.

From the Hebrew University alone, 117 students and staff members were killed in the Yom Kippur War, and over 200 more suffered injuries ranging from minor ones to loss of limbs and massive skin burns. And all students and faculty who fought in the war, whether wounded or uninjured, must bear the psychological burden of making the transition from the university to the front and back, never knowing how much time they can depend on for their studies, the university president said.

"The most difficult psychological problem for Israel is that this is not a war with a finite beginning and end," Harman told his audience. "The Israeli must have stubbornness, and an ability to adjust to the situation, even if it continues indefinitely.

"The greatest victory in the 26 years of Israel's existence," Harman stated, "is that we have not become a militaristic people . . . our people don't hate. The youth carry the country on their shoulders. Our ideal is not to live in order to defend ourselves, but to defend ourselves in order to live."

And the substance of life, according to this man who has served as the president of the university for the past eight years, and has been literally responsible for the rebuilding of the Mt. Scopus campus since the end of the Six Day War, is to make life more satisfying by continually breaking down discrepancies in the social order. He insists that the university is one of the chief mechanisms for improving the quality of life.

Farming, economic growth named as JNF priorities

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO –
Agricultural and economic development were named as the chief priorities of the Jewish National Fund when Jacob Tsur, world chairman of the Karen Kayemeth Le Yisrael, explained next year's plans to Toronto JNF leaders. The 68-year-old statesman stopped here enroute to the JNF triennial convention in New York.

Tsur stressed the need for new settlements in border areas in the Negev and Galilee, and the strengthening of existing settlements especially in Galilee and Judea. He said Israel needs to extend its system of roads to make these settlements more accessible and increase their potential for development. The JNF has formulated far-reaching plans in this area, he noted, and recently, when the road to the top of Mount Hermon was opened in record time, it was JNF personnel and equipment that did the job.

As Israel's economic structure continues to grow and change, Tsur said, JNF will help by making certain areas more productive and by contending with some of nature's obstacles.

In an interview with **The Canadian Jewish News**, the former ambassador to France and former minister of four Latin American countries commented on the problem of terrorist incursions into Israel. "The terrorists are repeatedly ignored by the UN," he said, "while Israel is chastized for attempts to render the terrorist bases inoperative . . . A nation has the right to defend itself, especially in the face of such unspeakable cruelty."

Jacob Tsur

The articulate statesman, who was a prime contender for the Israeli presidency against Ephraim Katzir, counselled Israelis not to despair despite such inhuman acts as occured at Kiryat Shemona and Maalot. He said the terrorists "want to bring us to despair and if we despair, it will be a victory for them."

After a JNF meeting in New York, Tsur attended the inauguration of the president of the republic of Costa Rica, as head of the Israeli delegation. From there he headed to Caracas, Venezuela, in his capacity as president of the Culture Institute in Jerusalem, to attend a meeting of the Israel-Latin American Cultural Institutes, which exist in 17 Latin American countries.

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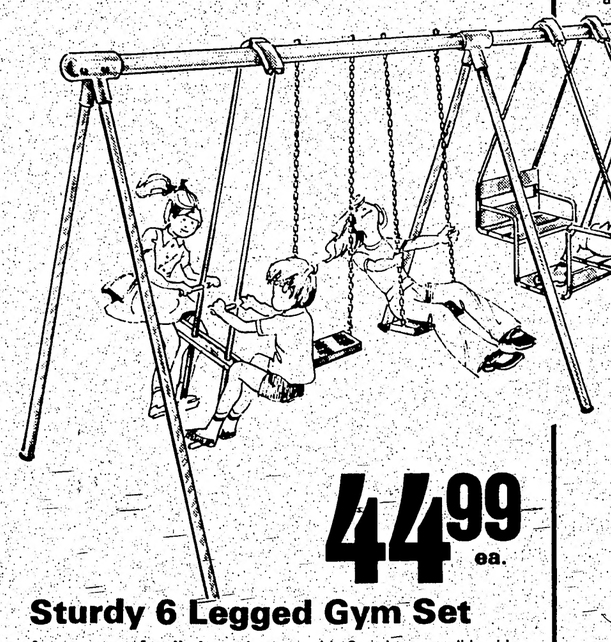

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Tauber to speak on education

TORONTO -

Dr. Jack Tauber, a prominent Jewish leader from New York, will speak at the Associated Hebrew Schools' annual dinner on June 11 in the Neptune school auditorium.

Active in the Rabbinate and Jewish education, a former president of the Brooklyn Board of Rabbis, and author of two books about halacha, Dr. Tauber has been honored by the UJA, the American Jewish Literary Foundation, B'nai B'rith, and other communal bodies.

Other features of the dinner include the honoring of the Canadian delegation to the 1974 World Bible Contest, and the "State of the Associated Message" from President Samuel Shainhouse.

Also participating will be Phil Granovsky, Samuel Sable, David Newman, Louis Shainhouse, Louis Lockshin, Rabbi Irwin Witty, and Dr. Alexander Brown.

Chairman of the annual dinner is Louis Weisfield.

Project to Program

Self-study reaps approval

TORONTO -

What does it mean to be a Jew?

According to members of Holy Blossom Temple, the most important element in being Jewish is to know the Bible and Jewish history. It's also important to believe in God, participate in high holiday services, celebrate the Passover Seder, contribute substantially to Jewish causes, observe yahrzeit, marry within the Jewish faith and observe the Sabbath as a special day.

These essential qualifications for Jewishness were suggested in a survey of temple members as part of Project Isaiah, a comprehensive self-study by the congregation, which began last October and which has just been concluded.

Project Isaiah was designed to reflect the particular concerns and interests of the membership of Holy Blossom Temple and to map plans for institutional and individual change, accompanied by the development of new levels of leadership and personal involvement by members. The project now becomes Program Isaiah, which will act on recommendations and observations made as a result of the study. One of the main recommendations -- appointment of a full time program director -- has been approved by the board and applicants are now being interviewed for the position.

Members opinions were gathered through the use of a questionnaire sent to 1,600 Temple homes, with 900 responses, by group discussions, personal interviews in homes and through brainstorming. Members of all ages participated.

The response to the questionnaire showed that anti-Semitism is regarded as a major concern. Other concerns: the quality of Jewish education, youth who reject their Jewish heritage, promoting co-operation in the Jewish community, the quality of Jewish leadership, support for local Jewish institutions, improving the understanding of Canadian and Israel Jews for one another, the quality of Jewish life and intermarriage.

The members agreed that the most important function of the rabbi is to be a teacher of youth, a pastor and a Jewish community leader. At the bottom of the list of requirements for the rabbi is that he be a leader in social action and a scholar.

How should the temple be used?, the members were asked. Most agreed it's the best place to give children a Jewish education; the place to gather in times of community crisis and the best place to raise funds for UJA, Bonds and the United Way. The temple is also the place "to join with other Jews in prayer and to observe important events in the life cycle," it was suggested.

During the group discussions members called for more opportunities to meet in small groups such as single parents, working women and by specific ages.

It was also agreed that new members should be "adopted" or "sponsored" by old members including invitations to dinner. Special welcoming activities were recommended for new members such as dinner with the rabbi.

'Alertness, not fear, best to fight cancer,' says Gold

By DEBORAH LIGHTSTONE

MONTREAL -

A Montreal physician, who is also one of the foremost cancer research scientists in North America, has revealed that the fearful mystique surrounding cancer -- which results in it being referred to by North Americans as "The Big C," "the disease" or simply "it" -- is a worldwide phenomenon.

So strong are the emotionalism and dread which cancer evokes that Dr. Philip Gold felt compelled to warn the men's breakfast club audience he addressed recently at the Beth Israel Synagogue to try to be objective and not to immediately relate everything he said to themselves, relatives or friends.

Dr. Gold is a senior physician at the Montreal General Hospital as well as professor of medicine and of physiology at McGill University, his alma mater, and an Associate of the Medical Research Council of Canada.

His main point was that there seems to be multiple causes of cancer, and therefore probably no single cure for the condition which he admits has been confronted universally with "tremendous fear" ever since the ancients first conceptualized it as "a multilegged beast that eats into the body," symbolizing it, appropriately, by the zodiac sign of the crab.

This grim popular feeling unfortunately becomes understandable when we look at the statistics, which indicate that one in every six deaths in North America is by cancer, with 350,000 North Americans dying from it every year as well as twice that number of new cases annually.

Throwing a ray of light amidst all this gloom, the 37-year-old award-winning researcher declared: "Cancer is a condition, not a death sentence."

He described the treatment available today as ranging from surgery at the early stages to chemotherapy, radiation and most recently immunotherapy -- or combinations of these.

"Today one in three cases is cured, and with our present more effective treatment it should be one in two, except" -- and here Gold paused for dramatic emphasis -- "that people wait too long."

He advised the following checkpoints: "Over age 45 get an annual rectal examination, skin and breasts can be self-scrutinized, and get an annual lung X-ray."

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Rabbi Abraham Greenspan of Baycrest Centre, shows resident Angela Nagy some of the objects on display in a biblical exhibition entitled From Abraham to Akiba. The artifacts are on loan from the Royal Ontario Museum.

Baycrest Centre show

Biblical artifacts on display

By PAULA DAVID

TORONTO -

An historical exhibition consisting of artifacts from the biblical era is presently on display at the Baycrest Geriatric Centre. The show is entitled **From Abraham to Akiba** and the display items are on loan from the riches of the Royal Ontario Museum.

Starting in a display case showing household objects from the days of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Middle Bronze Age, the exhibits explore the development of ceramic arts and functional tools, through the periods of the Israelites in Egypt, the age of David and Solomon to the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah, ending in Assyria in the 7th century BCE. Isolating these items from the ROM's large collection, and then identifying them in terms of Jewish history is a novel idea that implies a great deal of potential.

The idea was originally conceived and compiled by Levine and Dr. Wax, who are associated with both the museum and the centre. A great deal of planning and effort followed, for all explanatory signs are in Yiddish as well as English. Museum information sheets were translated into Yiddish by Basman, staff teacher at the centre, and these translations were typed out by a Baycrest resident. The museum was responsible for the finished product, and the collection is comprehensively displayed in a series of showcases adjacent to the main entrance of the centre.

The concept of bringing art objects to senior citizens is a unique one, for many of the residents are unable to visit galleries and museums. The program is still in the experimental stages, and at this point, the exhibition hasn't been as successful with the residents as anticipated. However, they are many side benefits to be considered. A volunteer committee has been giving school children tours of the show, and at the same time introducing them to the centre.

The show provides a place for residents to take visiting relatives, providing an on-the-spot family outing. The organizers of the show foresee that future exhibits may stimulate more interest within the centre, if the residents are provided with a more organized introduction to the display material.

Baycrest Geriatric Centre, the museum, and the many volunteers connected with the collection are to be commended for this innovative experiment. Visitors are always welcome at Baycrest, and **From Abraham to Akiba** may just provide an extra incentive for archeology buffs as well. The fine intentions behind the organization of the exhibit, as well as the fascinating locale notwithstanding, the show is a worthwhile and educational one by any standards, and may be seen until the end of June.

Free legal advice clinic opened by two attorneys

By T. SCHNURMACHER

MONTREAL -

Two Montreal attorneys are offering free their legal advisory services to the community with the opening of the Legal Advice Clinic by the Eastern -Regional Council of B'nai B'rith.

Harvey Crestohl, past-president of the Eastern Regional Council of B'nai B'rith, who has been a member of the Quebec Bar Association since 1957, affirmed the need for such a service.

"Many people don't know where to turn for legal advice. Some do not want to go to the Quebec Legal Aid Bureau as they feel they are asking for charity," he said.

"Newcomers to Canada often have a reluctance to deal with state organizations because of the unpleasant memories they retain of their home governments," adds Irving Narvey, the second lawyer involved.

The clinic is open Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., but more evenings will be added depending on the demand.

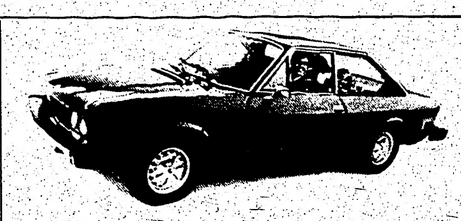
The official government agency, the Quebec Legal Aid Bureau, offers legal services and can initiate civil actions for those earning weekly salaries of less than $70 single and $95 married. It is often busy and has a one month waiting list.

"Though we will not launch civil actions," says Narvey, "we can see someone to offer him legal advice on any matter almost immediately. And we have no income criteria. Anyone is welcome to consult with us."

The Legal Advice Clinic deals with separations, divorces, landlord-tenant disputes, criminal infractions and other legal questions. "If necessary, we would even refer people to a Beth Din for arbiration," says Crestohl.

Both Crestohl and Narvey graduated from McGill Law School and have offered their services in the past under the supervision of the Quebec Bar Association.

"B'nai B'rith has always shown a talent for being contemporary," says Crestohl. "We feel that many people do not have a personal attorney and often do not know how to protect their civil rights. These are the people we wish to help."



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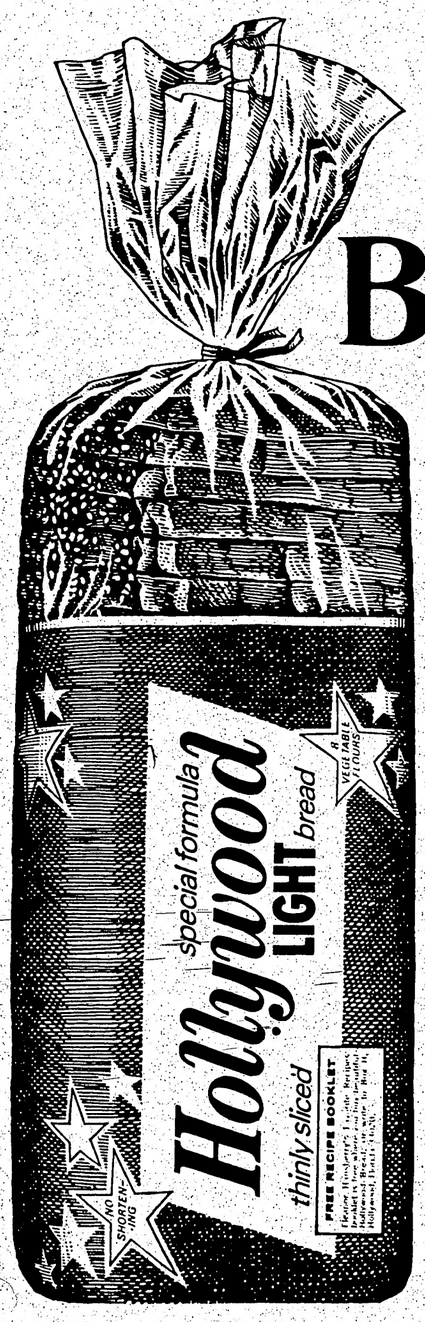

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By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mordechai Ben-Ari

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Twenty-five years ago, long before the Boeings and the Jumbos, El Al was not the household name it is today, and a person could be forgiven for confusing a chicken farm with an embryonic national air carrier.

Today El Al, which means "Upward to the Skies," commands a fleet of three 747 jumbo jets and 10 Boeings flying around most of the world. In financial and operative terms El Al is probably one of the world's most successful airlines.

El Al spokesmen claim that two-thirds of Israel's incoming air traffic and 40% of the mail are handled by their company. More than one-third of the 627,000 passengers who flew with El Al in 1972 were non-Jewish, which is indicative of the fact that it is among the safest airlines in the world.

Says El Al's director-general, Mordechai Ben-Ari: "El Al is no longer a tiny airline -- out of 106 companies in the International Air Transport Association, we're number 17 in size. From the point of view of productivity per employee, we're number 4. Among the companies that fly the Atlantic, we grade among the leaders in occupancy figures."

Founded in 1948, El Al's first offices were located in a private apartment in Tel Aviv. Today, its towering building in the heart of the city's commercial centre is a soaring testiment to its fabulous success.

The first El Al plane was a reconverted DC-4 Skymaster commandered from the fledgling Israeli Air Force, hastily painted and made into something of an airliner by bolting two living room sofas to the floor. El Al's inaugural flight was sent to Geneva to pick up Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the first president of Israel. As the Swiss would not permit a military plane to land, El Al's initial flights went to Rome and Paris.

Within a few months, more planes were added and an airline was born. But in those halcyon days El Al was "nothing but a matter of paint," according to former El Al spokesman Arnold Sherman. "Military planes were quickly redecorated with civilian registration numbers . . . air force personnel were handed newly printed passports and off they went."

In its initial year of operation, El Al was unable to obtain a steady supply of carbon paper used to print tickets. The Tel Aviv printer had to mix butter with ink in order to achieve the effect.

El Al's early pilots, the majority of whom were foreigners, joined for a variety of reasons. Many of the volunteers were Americans with experience in the U.S. Air Force. Bill Katz, now director of the Operations Division, was a Florida building contractor who came to Israel because of a slack building period. However, many of the original pilots left the country within months or years of their arrival. A few remained and one of them was a Welshman, Bill Walsh, a non-Jew.

El Al was in the red for many years and only after the Sinai Campaign did it begin to show some profit. Possibly one of the reasons why El Al was not a success until the mid 50s was its integral role in aliyah. With borrowed planes, it staged "Operation Magic Carpet" and "Operation Ali Baba" to bring the Jewish population of Yemen and part of Iraq to Israel. Today, El Al flies in Soviet Jews from Austria.

Despite its dedication to aliyah, El Al has had amazing financial success. It is also the envy of the industry for its innovative character. For example, in 1961 it established the first non-stop commercial flight record -- 5,760 statute miles from Ben-Gurion to New York. Ten years later, El Al's first Boeing 747B initiated its first commercial flight operating on the Tel Aviv - London - New York route with three weekly flights in each direction. El Al's first jumbo was put into service in 1972, and the Israeli recording industry made a song out of it.

In the near future, El Al plans additional route expansion to South America, Australia and the American West Coast. The non-stop direct flight from Montreal was started in March of 1971.

Further statistics are still more impressive: In 1964, 231,000 passengers used El Al, compared with 520,000 seven years later. In 1957/58, El Al had 984 flights, but by 1960 this had increased to 2,019. In 1970/-71, El Al recorded 6,057 flights. The number of flights has increased substantially since then. From 4,217,056 kilometres flown in 1957/58, El Al flew 29,848,568 kilometres in 1970.

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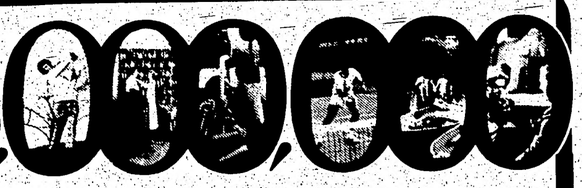
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From left, Norman Welsh as Anderson, Alan Scarfe as Dick Dudgeon and Domini Blythe as Judish, star in "The Devil's Disciple" at the Shaw Festival, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

Maybe devil made director do it

By LYNN SLOTKIN

I apologize. I was late eight minutes for the opening of the Shaw Festival's production of **The Devil's Disciple**, and no, the devil didn't make me do it. Unfortunately it wasn't late enough.

Shaw (and the program notes) describes the play as a melodrama; but it is no more a melodrama today, than Chekhov's sad, poignant play, **The Cherry Orchard** is a comedy (as Chekhov describes it). Melodrama involves artifically-motivated characters, exploited action, an escape from life, and dealings with the transitory, the material and the physical.

The Devil's Disciple is about Dick Dudgeon, the black sheep of his family and town (in 1777, New Hampshire), who willingly assumes the identity of the minister Anthony Anderson, when British soldiers come to arrest and eventually hang Anderson for being a rebel to the King. Dudgeon assumes the role because, 'I have been bought up standing by the law of my own nature.'

In this work, Shaw examines values, spiritual problems, and man's loyalty to his country and his ideals, and he reveals the cruel heartlessness of the staunchly pious. To continue to describe **The Devil's Disciple** as flippantly as Shaw (he was a great tease, the audience being his biggest target), instead of describing it as a serious play with undertones of humor, is to do the playwright a disservice.

This disservice to Shaw is continued by the director, Brian Murray. His direction is at best, pedestrian, and at its worst, glaringly inconsistent with what the words suggest.

In one scene between Anderson and his wife Judith, she is distraught because he invited Dick, whom she dislikes, to their house. She fumes, cries, breaks a cup and generally throws a tantrum, Does Anderson go to her, put his arms around her and comfort her, as Shaw leads us to believe Anderson would do in such a situation? No, Murray has him wander around the stage, giving assurance at a distance.

In another scene, Anderson comes home to a dark house. He is supposed to light a candle, put it in a candlestick on the dinner table, sees a meal that has gone cold and then, suddenly, sees Judith unconscious on the floor, and says to her, "I've just come in and found you lying here with the candles burnt out and the tea poured out and cold." In this production Anderson lights the candle at the table, and immediately sees Judith on the floor, and when he gives the line about cold tea it doesn't ring true because he never looked at the table long enough to come to such a conclusion. A small point? Perhaps, but it was important enough for Shaw to give very specific stage directions, which Murray ignored.

There is a scene between two officers, Major Swindon, who is downstage, and General Burgoyne, way upstage centre, both conducting a conversation. How many people conduct conversations with 'a football field' of distance between them. It's not that the stage is so large, it's that Murray doesn't know how to use the space.

Under the circumstances the cast does its best. Norman Welsh is kindly, compassionate, and dynamic as Anthony Anderson; Domini Blythe is find as the proper and ladylike, Judith; Alan Scarfe is quite marvellous when he suggests the pent-up anger of Dick, and at times when he is devlish; but James Valentine as Major Swindon and Tony van Bridge as General Burgoyne are like a breath of spring. Valentine with his snobbish stance, his ever raised eyebrow and his delightful way of spitting out his half swallowed lines in the best arrogant English accent heard in a long time, and van Bridge with his easy-going, underplaying realize the great humor of their scenes and make them a pleasure.

Murray couldn't help himself. Maybe the devil made him do it.

Willowdale girl enjoys her on-the-site studies

JERUSALEM –

Poets, scholars and artisans have long praised the great beauty of the city of Jerusalem. And Paula Draper, 20, currently studying at the Hebrew University could not agree more. For her, "Jerusalem is the most beautiful city I've ever seen."

Paula, the daughter of Nancy and Darell Draper of Willowdale, is a second-year student at the University of Toronto concentrating in Jewish history. A desire to study abroad meshed well with plans to visit Israel and made the Hebrew University a natural choice.

Courses unavailable on her home campus, in such areas as ancient and medieval Jewish history and the Holocaust have made the experience particularly worthwhile. Paula noted the opportunity to go and visit places that had been discussed in class -- a situation rarely equalled in other countries. She hoped the university would continue to exploit these possibilities.

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The Yom Kippur War proved to be an unwanted, but positive shock for Paula. "I've grown up a lot more because of the war," she notes, but even so, "nothing else can compare to living through that kind of tension."

Realizing that one "shouldn't sit around and mope all day," she donated blood and continued her ulpan (intensive Hebrew language course). Although Paula's ulpan was completed in mid-October in spite of the war and her studies in the School for Overseas Students were begun on Nov. 4 as scheduled, the academic year for the Israeli students was disrupted.

In fact, only recently has the university begun to assume its former character, although the student-soldier toting a briefcase in one arm and an Uzi submachine gun in the other is still a familiar sight on campus. In order to accommodate the newly demobilized students, the university has redesigned its entire program.

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Valery Panov is a Jew; his wife is not. Two years ago the couple applied for permission to emigrate to Israel. For this act of indiscretion Panov was dismissed 15 days later from the Leningrad famed Kirov Ballet and branded a traitor. Galina, then 23, on her way to stardom as a soloist, was reduced to lowly membership in the "line," the corps de ballet. She resigned instead.

Since then the Panovs have suffered harassment and humiliation from Soviet authorities, as have other Jews who have attempted to emigrate or speak out in dissent.

"I resigned from the Kirov Ballet of my own free will, as a sign of protest against my husband's dismissal from the ballet company and against the humiliation he was subjected to after he expressed our desire to go to Israel. I stand firm in my decision to go to Israel together with my husband. The accusations against our family and against our love are extremely immoral and cynical. My strength is in the truth as marriage is respected and protected throughout the world."

Finally last December came a new government tactic. Twenty months after his application was denied authorities informed Panov an exit visa had now been approved.

"And my wife?" he asked. "She stays," was the answer. The reason, the authorities claimed, was that Galina's mother had not given her consent. Galina responded in an anguished appeal to Alexei Kosygin, charging legal fraud. And, Galina argued, parental control in the Soviet Union ends at age 18. She never received a reply.

These days, the Panovs rarely leave their two-room flat. At first, to fight their enforced inactivity, Valery built a makeshift ballet barre. But practice in the tiny living room was a daily frustration -- there was no space to practice the leaps and jumps for which he was so famous. Forced to stop performing at the height of his career, Panov, now 35, is unlikely ever to dance as well again. Recently he has stopped practicing altogether.

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By CHARLES LAZARUS

MONTREAL -

As the Canadian Jewish Congress moves inexorably toward what may turn out to be an historic plenary session on June 15 at Toronto's Royal York, there is good reason to consider the unique setting in which the organization's Eastern Region must, from now on, flourish and grow.

CJC's Eastern Region, for a multitude of reasons, in this year of 1974, by the very nature of its responsibilities and most unusual social and political conditions it faces, must be considered as an entity all its own.

In a manner of speaking, the region's terms of reference are outlined in the national body's general philosophy and modus operandi -- but even beyond these limits, there is the reality of a political and cultural structure not very different from the province of Quebec, where history and the cultural configuration, create problems and challenges not found elsewhere in Canada.

Let's spell them out: the Eastern Region of Congress must recognize that:

It is Congress' National Headquarters, which is as if the federal government was located in the same building as either the Ontario Legislature in Toronto or the Quebec Legislature in Quebec City, with the inevitable confusion of roles and rights.

Its centre, Montreal, boasts the biggest Jewish population of any city in Canada.

The Jewish population has a diversity of religious and cultural needs, running the gamut of more than 15,000 French-speaking Jews from North Africa, to the wide spectrum of observance from Reform to Lubavitch. And it was from the so-called affluent aristocracy of the Montefiore Club and the Shaar Hashomayim, to the landsmanshaften and survivors of the Nazi Holocaust.

Covering this so-called "multi-cultural" or pluralistic character of Montreal's Jewish community, is a dense panoply of anxiety as to the fate of Jewish educational institutions and everyday activity, under the resurgence of the French Fact, and even under the assured, if apparently misguided, benevolence of Robert Bourassa's Liberal government.

Thus it is clear that, as I said in this year of 1974, there is an urgent necessity to recognize the importance of making CJC's Eastern Region stronger than ever, with leadership placed in the hands of lay people and professional, possessing an intimate knowledge of the problems, yet with a universalist attitude in the setting up of programs.

There are, for example, steps to be taken in three directions.

First, is to broaden the base of interest and participation, beyond the present organizational structure, and into the very heartland of Montreal Jews who seem to have no affiliation.

Second, is to undertake the leading role in placing the Jewish educational system on a firm, financially viable basis; and if this involves getting the support of the vast majority -- Jews who are neither organizational officials nor self-considered elite, then so be it.

Finally, there is the important part Congress must continue to play in the outlying communities, where Jewish cultural and spiritual survival is one of the great urgencies of our times.

In recent weeks, it has been most encouraging to see a new set of Congress activists, perhaps a younger breed, ready to do battle for what they think is right in Jewish education or in working out a peaceful coexistence with the French Fact, in the face of the Establishment's fear and prejudice.

I do not accept the cliche that only a "unified" community, to use the euphemism popular with the centralizers, will insure the survival of the Jewish people.

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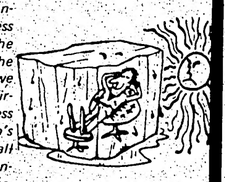
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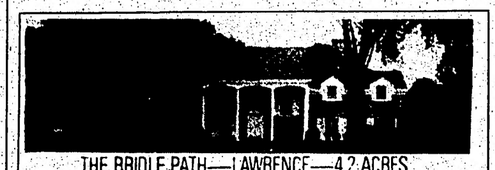
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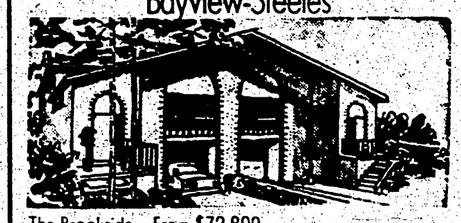

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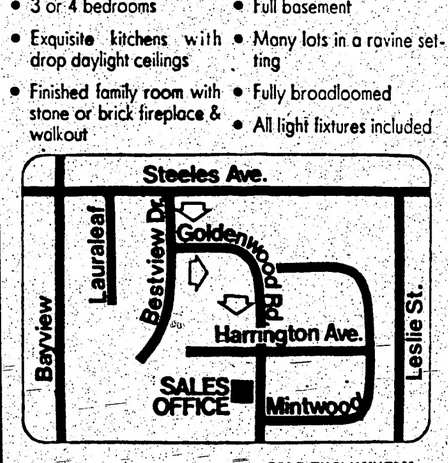

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Judaism taken from classroom

By IRWIN HUBERMAN

MONTREAL –

For many Jewish afternoon school students, last weekend was a chance to take Judaism out of the classroom and into everyday living.

Led by Lionel Moses, a rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Institute of New York, 100 students from 12 Montreal afternoon schools invaded the Constellation Hotel for a three-day, Jewish-experience weekend.

The children, aged 11 to 13 participated in discussions, activities and religious services aimed at creating a total Jewish environment. For most, it was a first taste of total Sabbath observance.

"We wanted the children to live in a very traditional way," said organizer Cantor A.L. Subar, "95% of them did this." According to Cantor Subar, the children did not use hotel elevators during Sabbath, and abstained from using the telephone and television.

Although some of the kids admitted it was tough staying away from the television, few complained the weekend was dull. "Everytime there was nothing to do," said Morrie Baker, "they found something to keep us busy, like a hike on Mount Royal."

Members of the hotel staff praised the good behavior of the children.

Cantor Subar credits the program's success to the fact it was held in a hotel. Since the children came from families of varying Jewish backgrounds, he said staging the weekend at a hotel removed the problem of choosing a suitable synagogue.

The project was sponsored by the committee on Jewish education of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Allied Jewish Community Services and the Canadian Zionist Federation. Topics of discussion for the weekend included Soviet and Syrian Jewry, Does it Hurt to be a Jew and is it Worth it? and Would you Like to Live in Israel?

Toronto Israel Bonds women's division launched its newly-formed special events committee at "An Evening with Dr. Elliot Markson" at the home of Mrs. Hart Levin. New areas in the community are the focal point of interest for the committee members in their efforts to raise maximum loan funds for Israel at this critical time. From left are Dr. Markson, Mrs. Sol Goldstein, chairman of "special events committee"; Mrs. Levin and Mrs. Donald Lipman.

Milestone ceremonies have relevance, consensus of secular educators say

By MICHAEL BARRIS

TORONTO –

Educators in secular Jewish institutions should teach that milestone ceremonies of Jewish life have relevance to the individual. This was the consensus of 50 delegates from secular Jewish institutions in the United States and Canada who held a two-day convention at Glendon College last week.

The tendency when teaching about bar mitzvah, wedding, funeral, and birth is for the teacher to promote traditional for tradition's sake, said Dr. Martin Belman, chairman of the study group program of the Secular Jewish Organization. "We should not promote inane, primitive, and mystical practises which have no place in today's society."

Instead, the teacher should guide and assist the student to read, write about, and discuss each event that personally affects him. Then the student's experience of the event will be "an expression of Judaism that is meaningful to him and relevant to today," Esther Pifko, director of the Secular Jewish Association, explained.

Giving an example of what secular Jewish organizations might strive to achieve, one delegate, representing a school in California, told the conference of a wedding ceremony she had attended, where the bride and bridegroom read personal selections of verse which symbolized their feelings about marriage.

Another example concerned the shiva for a man whose family was musically inclined. They included the playing of music so that the tradition became meaningful in a personal way.

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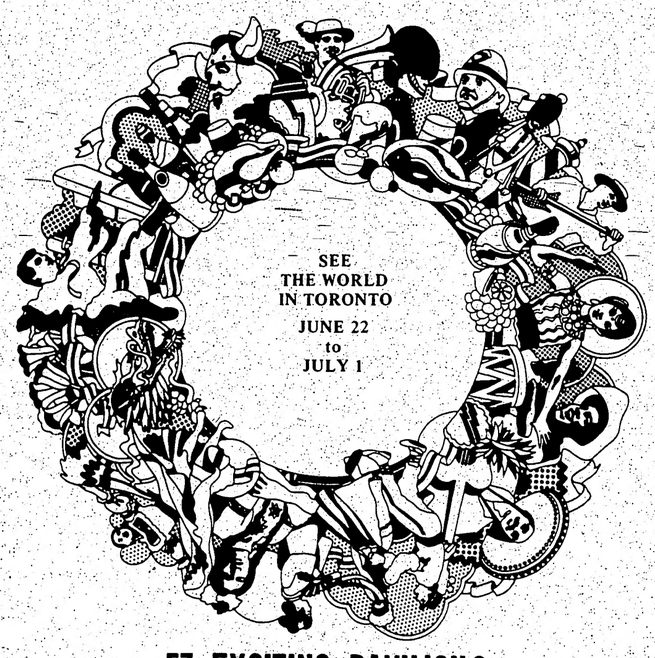

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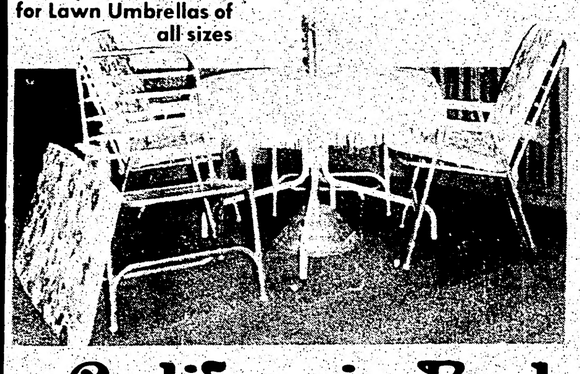

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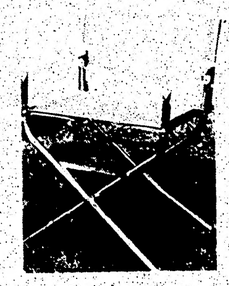

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